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Season's Greetings

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...UPON A STAR

Under the bright Italian sky, three of our soldiers spoke tonight of the gifts that they would choose, this sombre Christmas Day.

A lean, wheat-haired prairie boy
Spoke of things remembered.
Let me feel the libe whip
Of that light steel casting rod
And the battered old hat
With bright flies in the hand;
Mail me some of the ham 'n' eggs
Mother cooked on Sunday morning
And the yellow sweatshirt I wore,
The model "T" with my name on the door
And a piece of the back yard
With picket fence and raspberry canes
And a setter who answers to "Bess".
I'll take the case full of books
And those old slippers I wore
And my tool set, if you please,
With some shavings of pine
And, oh, yes, the ice skates
(Behind the garage door).

A husky lad from a western town
Spoke of sight and sound.

Send me the train whistle's cry
Across the sleeping town
And the pull of the summer wind
Is the sale of my sleep.
Make me a fat parcel, please,
Of waves along a familiar beach.
The market at Saturday noon,
Rain running in the eaves,
The camp in the Spring
With the maples turning green

And a guitar playing in the night.
Let me hear Foster Hewitt again,
The shouts of kids in the pool
And the milk wagon's rattle
Going down the morning street.
These are the gifts for me
With maybe the sunset after a storm
Across the wide, wet gulf.

An eastern boy, slim and dark,
Spoke of portraits in his mind.

I'll take the Christmas crowds
In the bright-lit city streets
With a Santa Claus at every corner
And the card-singing boys
Standing in the snow.
If you can send a female V-mail
Send me that girl in the yellow dress
Who waits today in the white cottage
On a high hill with a view.
I'll take the best-faced Irish cop,
The lads I worked with in the shop,
The mechanic named Gus
And all the friends and folks
Who shared the things of living.
If there is a Kringle, Kris,
Let my gift this Christmas be
A daughter with a button nose
And eyes brown as chocolate drops;
A daughter I've never seen.

Now a strident whistle blew.
Our troops were moving up the line.
The tall kid rose and grinned and said:
"Let's Go! Christmas lies ahead!"

Symbols of Christmas

The elements which betoken Christmas are many and varied, ranging from the Eastern Star, the Three Wise Men and the Manger, to flowers and animals, as the ass, the camel and, to children most of all, the reindeer, which they picture as speeding Santa Claus on his way from rooftop to rooftop as he distributes gifts to the little ones the world over.

Few children are not familiar with the poem, "A Visit from St. Nicholas," by Clement Clarke Moore. The eight tiny reindeer which pulled Santa in his sleigh are dear to their hearts for, even in the mechanized world of today, they know that Santa's appearance the night before Christmas depends entirely on their steeds.

The fact that St. Nicholas lives in a climate of ice and snow accounts largely for the belief that reindeer are his beasts of burden — these animals being almost solely used for this purpose in the far reaches of Europe and Asia.



What was the Star of Bethlehem?

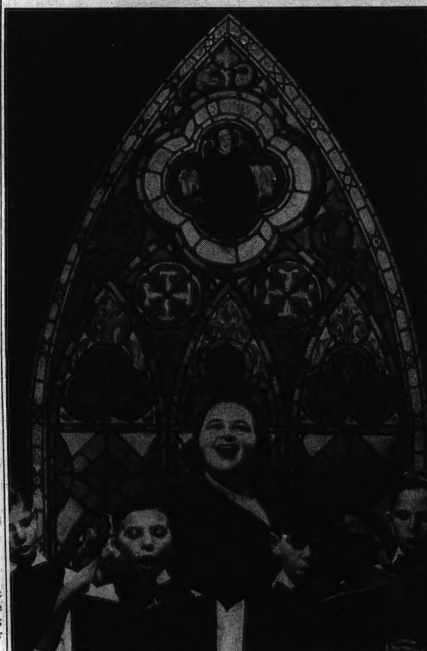
A considerable literature has been written on the Star of Bethlehem, but without clearing up a mystery. If the exact date of Christ's birth were known there would be no such mystery. The date may have been as early as 11 B.C. or as late as 4 B.C. There is every reason for believing that our Christmas was not the day of the year on which Christ was born. The church simply carried on a pagan tradition which originally bore no relation to Christ's birth. Was the star a "bright comet"? If so there is no historical account of it that complies with the astronomical facts. For lack of an exact date the comet hypothesis can neither be accepted nor dismissed. The Bible does not purport to be a textbook on astronomy. The narrative of Herod and of the Wise Men who saw the Star in the East that "went before them, till it came and stood where the young child was," all to their "exceeding great joy," is intended only to describe an important event and its consequences. We are told simply that a star indicated to the Wise Men that a birth had occurred which was of consequence to the whole civilized world and that the star pointed out the spot where the child was born. It is possible to infer from Matthew ii, 10, that in some way the Wise Men had for a time lost sight of the star, so that the two facts mentioned relate to two separate appearances. Of these two, the first induced the Wise Men to leave the east and set out for Judea; the second indicated that the place where the birth had occurred was Bethlehem. The star merely served as a guide.

It has been suggested that the Star of Bethlehem may have been the planet Venus, which shines brightly at times. Wise Men who came out of Caldea and who knew their planets were not likely to have made any such mistake. In some planetaria of the country it is the fashion to follow the devout and learned Kepler by displaying an artificial sky a conjunction of Jupiter and Saturn which occurred in May, 7 B.C. The two planets could never be so close that they would deceive good eyes.

An English astronomer, the late Professor C. Pritchard, showed that a similar and close conjunction occurred fifty-nine years before 7 B.C. If the conjunction hypothesis is correct it should have brought a delegation of Magi to Judea. It is manifest that if the planets seemed to stand over Bethlehem they would not have appeared to do so when the Wise Men arrived at Bethlehem.

Modern astronomers are inclined to believe that the Star of Bethlehem may have been a supernova—that is, a faint star which exploded and shone brightly for weeks and perhaps months. Such supernova have appeared in historic times. Tycho Brahe saw such a supernova in 1572 in the constellation Cassiopeia. At its brightest it was visible by day, and it outshone Venus. Though it gradually declined in splendor it was visible to the unaided eye (Tycho had no telescope). At any rate the supernova hypothesis is the most satisfactory. A sudden stellar apparition was bound to impress practiced star gazers, just as it impresses experienced astronomers today. The supernova hypothesis is little better than a guess, but a plausible guess.

Silent Night, Holy Night



★ THE GUIDING STAR ★

Across the Eastern firmament
A Star shone forth that night,
And they who came to find their King
Were guided by its light:
The Star moved on until it stood
Above a village shed,
And there they found The Babe they sought,
Calm in His manger bed.

Rekindle, then, the lambent spark
That still lies deep within!
A Tyrant's power failed before
To find the lowly Inn;
And though a self-made Jupiter
Bastides Olympus now,
Soon men shall not before him cinge
And none before him bow.

In lowliness The Prince of Peace
Unto the world was born;
In humble guise He healed the sick
And counselled the forlorn;
And throughout all ensuing years,
That arch the span of Time,
The Star that guided men of old,
Has guided things sublime.

Christmas still breathes with joy and love,
As that Holy Night,
When Wise Men saw His guiding Star
That gleamed so strong and bright:
And wise men now still see The Star—
Men of good will on earth,
And children, ever expectant, learn
The Story of His birth.
—Henry Aynsworth Britton

Babes Born On Christmas

There is a Scottish belief that to be born on Christmas is to have the power to see spirits and even to command them. Sir Walter Scott says that the Spaniards attributed the haggard and downcast looks of Philip II to the terrible visions he was able to see because he was born on Christmas.

French peasants believe that babies born on Christmas have the gift of prophecy.

In Silesia a baby born on Christmas will become either a lawyer or a thief.

In middle Europe it is said that if a baby is born at sermon time Christmas Eve, someone in the house will die within the year.

English mothers used to take sick babies to the door Christmas Eve midnight. Mary was expected to pass with the Christ Child. If the baby recovered, it was a sign that it had been touched by Christ, with healing fingers, and if it died, the Christ Child had called the baby to be His playmate in heaven.

* Great Battle Prayers of British History *

King Henry V at Agincourt, near Dieppe, France, A.D. 1415

(According to Shakespeare)
"O God of battles, steel my soldiers' hearts.
Possess them not with fear; take from them now
The sense of reckoning if the opposed numbers
Pluck their hearts from them. Not today, O Lord,
Oh, not today, think not upon the fault . . .
Though all that I can do is nothing worth;
Since that my penitence comes after all
Imploping pardon."

Admiral Sir Francis Drake, Sadis, Spain, 1588

"O Lord God, when Thou givest to Thy servants to endeavor any great matter, grant us also to know that it is not the best of us but the continuance of the same until it is thoroughly finished which yieldeth the true glory; through Him that, for the finishing of Thy work laid down His life, our Redeemer, Jesus Christ."

Admiral Lord Nelson against Napoleon, 1801

"May the great God, Whom I worship, grant to my country and for the benefit of Europe in general, a great and glorious victory; and may no misconduct in anyone tarnish it; and may humanity after victory be the predominant feature in the British Fleet. For myself individually, I commit my life to Him that made me; and may His blessing alight on my endeavors for serving my country faithfully. To Him I resign myself and the just cause which is entrusted to me to defend. Amen, Amen, Amen."

Excerpt from speech by General Bernard Montgomery in the Mansion House, London, England, shortly before the invasion of France, June 6th, 1944.
"Then there must swell up in the nation every noble thought, every high ideal, every great purpose which has waited through the weary years; then, as the sap rises in the nation, the men will feel themselves to be the instrument of a new-born national vigor. The special glory of the whole endeavor must be a surge of the whole people's finest qualities worthy to BE the prayer: 'Let God arise and let His enemies be scattered.'"

Reminiscence

Across the years extends
A golden ray of light,
That floods the heart with memories
Aglow the darkest night.
And like the sweetest song of birds,
It thrills, at coming dawn,
To spur, by noble thought and deed,
New kindness yet unborn.
Sweet are those treasured memories
Of verdant, buoyant youth;
When love was pure and constancy
Went hand in hand with truth.
When rustic beauty filled the land,
The sea, the air, the sky,
While glimmer still lay hidden deep
With moral standards high.
How strange, seems now, the trend of life
Compared with olden time,
When God seemed nearer in each home
And made the home sublime—
The place of Christian love's abode
Like in the cornerstone
On which, foundation firm, was laid
Our nation's strength—alone.

Today, what forces running wild,
So deaf to Law Divine,
Would breach the walls the founders built
So firm, in perfect line.
The wonders science has brought forth—
God's gift to humankind,
Alas, man uses to destroy
His plan, all hearts to bind.
—George H. Sweetnam.

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Rev. James McKelvey, Minister

Services Sunday next:

11.00 a.m., Senior school.
2.00 p.m., Junior school.
7.30 p.m., Public Worship.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, BLAIRMORE

Rector: Rev. W. E. Brown

The Fourth Sunday in Advent:

Midnight Holy Eucharist 11.30 p.m.
Tuesday will be St. Stephen's Day;
Wednesday, St. John the Evangelist;
Thursday, Holy Innocents. Let us re-
member on each of these days the
spiritual lesson and the great example
of the Saints of God.

Thursday:

War Intercession 7.30 p.m.
Choir practice 8 p.m.

SALVATION ARMY, COLEMAN

Lieuts. S. Nahmyer and R. Hammond,
Officers in charge.

Sunday services:

11 a.m., Holiness meeting.
2.30 p.m., Directory class.
3 p.m., Sunday school.
7.30 p.m., Salvation Meeting.

Tuesday: 7.30 p.m., Red Shield Aux-
iliary and Home League.
Thursday: 8 p.m., Praise Meeting.

Funerals and dedications on ap-
plication to the local officer.

HILLCREST UNITED CHURCH:

Services every Sunday at 3 p.m.
Services at 7.30 p.m. every Sunday.

COVLEY UNITED CHURCH:

Services alternate Sunday morn-
ings at 11 o'clock.

Rev. W. H. IRWIN, Minister.

BELLEVUE BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastor Evangelist: Alfred Siple

10.30 a.m., Sunday school.

11.30 a.m., Morning service.

We preach the Victory Life of
Christ, and invite you.

Mrs. J. Rogers, senior, of Coleman,
was honored by the Rebekah Lodge
on December 14th, the occasion of her
eightieth birthday anniversary, when
she was presented with a beautifully
engraved locket on behalf of lodge
members.

COWLEY HAPPENINGS

Louis Gregory, who had been re-
lieving at the Cowley airport, has
been transferred to Lethbridge.

J. G. Rogers has returned to duty
at the Cowley airport, following a
month holidays spent at Vancouver
and other Pacific coast points.

Mrs. Person was a visitor to Leth-
bridge the early part of the week.

Mrs. George Dwyer has returned
from a few days visit at the home of
her son, Arthur, at Pincher Creek,
who is in the army, but now home on
an enforced leave through illness.

Friends will be pleased to learn
that Eddie Smyth is back home and doing
well following an operation in the
Calgary General hospital.

Miss Nellie McWilliam has resigned
the post as principal of the Cowley
school. She has taught here over a
long term of years and will be great-
ly missed.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Snyder are
celebrating congratulations upon the birth
of a daughter at St. Vincent's hospi-
tal, Pincher Creek, on Wednesday
of last week. Both babe and mother
are doing well.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Hornung, of
DeWinton, owing to the serious ill-
ness of the latter's father, Mr. A. G.
Swart, inmates in hospital at Pincher
Creek, arrived a few days ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Cook, formerly of
Pincher Creek, who have taken over
the general store of Mrs. L. Christie,
moved their household effects here
during the week, while Mrs. Christie
has moved to her new home in Pin-
cher Creek.

Mrs. F. A. Tustian entertained the
ladies of the local Red Cross for their
monthly meeting on Thursday after-
noon. Aside from the business rou-
tine, the chief interest was taking
tags on pyjamas and sweaters pre-
paratory for shipping to headquarters
in Calgary.

The ending of the fall term of Todd
Creek school is to be celebrated by a
social evening, with the parents of
pupils present, and serving luncheon
under the supervision of the teacher,
Miss Patricia Wilson.

Miss Helen Maloff, elder daughter
of Mrs. Vera Maloff and the late Mr.
Mike Maloff, was united in marriage
to Mr. Roy Chismokoff, of Verigin,
Snak, on Wednesday, December 18th,
in the Pincher Creek United church.
Rev. Mr. Goddard officiating. The
happy couple left for the groom's
home on Thursday. The bride's mother
accompanied them to Verigin, where
she will visit her parents.

On Tuesday evening a large gather-
ing of children and parents and
friends assembled in the Anglican
church hall here to enjoy the concert
and Christmas tree sponsored by

IMPRESSIVE SERVICE

AT UNITED CHURCH

The Blaimore United church was
filled to capacity on Sunday even-
ing, December 17th, when the COIT
Department took charge of the ser-
vice. Christmas decorations and light-
ed tapers provided a suitable back-
ground, and Christmas carols softly
played by the organ and violins set
the mood for a beautiful service.

The call to worship was given by
Mrs. J. McKelvey, and responded to
in song by the congregation. This
was followed by a pageant on "Can-
adian Friendship," with Miss Dorothy
Moore as narrator. Five girls, Bernice
Mark, Josephine Wileet, Vera McLeod,
Ellen Jones and Charlotte Mudman,
lighted tapers in tribute to the var-
ious nationalities and creeds who
have contributed Christmas carols. A
Negro Spiritual, based on the Chris-
mas Story, was feelingly rendered by
Shirley Rae, followed by a Polish carol
sung by the choir.

Mrs. McKelvey led the congregation
in prayer. Then an introduction to
the cantata was given in poetic form
by Rita Bonneau. The entire girls' choir, under the able direction of Mrs.
J. Boorman, who also presided at the
organ throughout the service, took
part in the cantata, "The Birthday
of the King." The solo part was sung
by Rita Bonneau, duet by Helen Slo-
pak and Esther Erickson, and two
quartets included Shirley Montalbet-
ti, Kathleen Walker, Mary Claire
Steeves, Ellen Jones, Shirley Rae,
Nora Beltrame, Hazel Oakes and Jean
Montalbeti.

Mary Claire Steeves dedicated the
offering, which was ably received by
Jack Patterson and Roy Tucker.
Led by Helen Slopak, assisted by
Shirley Montalbeti and Kathleen
Walker, the impressive candle-light-
ing service brought to a close a ser-
vice rarely equalled in solemn beauty.
As the girls and their leaders filed
through the church and lighted the
candles, one could not help but feel
that soon again there would be "Peace
on earth, goodwill toward men."

The allied war office announces that
the Japanese have worked more than
60,000 white captives under such brutal
and inhuman conditions that 24,000
of them have died. The Japanese
themselves have erected a memorial
to 25,000 men who died in building
the Thailand-Burma railway and road.

Those who are in charge of the United
Sunday school. Mr. Arthur Tustian
was chairman, while Mrs. Tustian of-
ficiated at the organ. The teachers of
the Sunday school are to be congrat-
ulated upon the painstaking way they
are teaching the children the word
of God in verse and song. Although
a large number of the pupils are
small, they said their scripture verses
well and sang the carols sweetly. Rev.
Mr. Green and Mrs. Green, of Brocket,
were present and, after a delicious
luncheon served in the recreation
room, Mr. Green addressed the crowd,
emphasizing missionary work and
pointing to the needs of the destitute
and starving peoples in foreign lands.
The delivery to each child in turn
of a lovely gift and a bag each of
candies and goodies brought this most
enjoyable evening's entertainment to
a close.

Mr. W. G. Swart, who had been in
failing health for the past five years,
died early Wednesday morning in St.
Vincent's hospital at Pincher Creek.
Funeral service is to be held in the
Covley United church on this Friday
afternoon at 2 o'clock, following which
the remains are to be forwarded to
Lethbridge for burial. Rev. W. H. Ir-
win, of Bellevue, will be in charge
of the service here, members of the
Masonic lodge, of which he was a
member, will attend in a body, while
at Lethbridge the 100F will be in
charge. Mr. Swart moved here from
Lethbridge in the fall of 1920 and
together with his brother Hillie, op-
erated a general store. Besides a lov-
ing wife, he leaves two children to
mourn his loss. Mrs. Norman Horn-
ung, of DeWinton, and Gordon Horn-
ung, one brother, Hillie, and two
grandchildren.

A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Sing again, O Christmas angels,
"Peace on earth, to men good-will."
For our stubborn hearts are needing
Messages from Heaven still.

Though two thousand years have blas-
somed
Since that carol from above,
Men yet battle with their brothers,
For they have not learned to love.

Bring us Christmas, blessed angels,
Bending down from Heaven's bar,
For our nations need a love-song.
And our wise men lack a star.

We have waited a long time—two
thousand years since that first Christ-
mas night—and still the promise of
the angelic chorus is not fulfilled. But
there can be peace on earth; there
will be peace on earth when we say
with our lives as well as our lips,
"Glory to God in the highest;" when
in business and pleasure, in politics
and in international relations, we al-
low the God of love as revealed in
Jesus to rule unrivalled in human
lives.

As another Christmas Day dawns,
may the spirit of the Christ Child
bring abundant blessings to your lives
and homes, and may the year 1945
bring us all closer to Him who is the
Prince of Peace.

Sincerely yours,

James McKelvey,
United Church, Blaimore.

ANGELIC BISHOP'S MESSAGE

My dear People:

Once again Christmas finds us in
the throes of war, with suffering on
every hand and great anxiety in the
hearts of so many people: but it is
just to such people that Christmas
1944 will have a special message—the
assurance that God does care! For it
was to a suffering people that
God first made the revelation of His
Love in the Birth of His Son, our
Saviour, Jesus Christ.

The message is that God sees, and
cares for His children, that He loves
and that He saves us from the real
evils which surround us.

God's gift of His Son at Bethlehem,
and the self-giving of Jesus to which
Paul refers in Philippians 2, verses
5-8, are the earnest of that love and
the assurances that He knows and
cares and helps. May this knowledge
give you peace within your soul this
Christmas.

In our own anxieties, due to the
present stress, let us not forget the
younger ones, who do not understand,
and therefore are not conscious of
the stress of the times. Let us seek
to give them the joy of this Blessed
Season.

As we thank God for the Gift of
His Incarnate Son, let us show our
thankfulness by our generous gift, at
this season, to God's servant, His min-
ister in your Parish, for whose per-
sonal use, you will remember, the
Offeratories on Christmas Day are as-
signed.

O Love, that maketh heavy burdens
light,
O Love, that maketh bitter things
more sweet,
O Love, that robs the darkness from
the night,
That resteth tired, wayworn pilgrim
feet,
Not only in the Bethlehem of old,
But in the mews and streets, and at
our door:

Not only in the chalice gleaming gold,
But in the patient faces of the poor
We find Thee—yes, we find Thee
every day,
In manger and on crosses by the way,
Yes, even our own soul's darkest
agony
May be a Cave of Bethlehem for Thee.

May God bless you all, and give you
a very happy Christmas, and in His
mercy grant the Victory of Righteous-
ness and Peace to us in the coming
year.

Very sincerely,

Your friend and Bishop,
Richard, Calgary.

Next Sunday night, the 24th, is
being planned as family night in
the United church here, when it is
hoped the children will be present
with their parents at the service.
There will be a children's story, sev-
eral special musical numbers, the
singing of familiar Christmas hymns
and a short Christmas message from
Mr. McKelvey, who trusts that all
families of the congregation will be
represented at this Christmas Eve
service.

CHRISTMAS 1944 - NEW YEAR 1945

Greetings for Christmas — Good
wishes for New Year.

"Hail to December, say they all,
It gave to earth Christ the Lord."
My dear Friends and especially to
the Boys overseas:

The year 1944 is, because of de-
fects inflicted upon the brutal forces
closing with high hopes of a United
Nations' victory in the struggle to
regain and restore world freedom and
individual liberty of life an action
to God's children everywhere. Like all
men of the United Nations, ours are
struggling, fighting, suffering and dy-
ing in the great Adventure for Free-
dom.

For those who have paid the su-
preme sacrifice let us pray—"Grant
unto them eternal rest and may light
perpetual shine upon them." May
God comfort and bless those who
mourn. For those still in the strug-
gle we ask Divine help and protec-
tion and express the hope that the
tyranny of war may soon be over-
past and our Boys return to home
and loved ones in health and peace.

Boys! while overseas, have constan-
tly in mind your Home. "That spot on
earth presumably blest, a dearer,
sweeter spot than all the rest." As
you think of your Home and home
town you will think of your friends,
those loving personalities, who make
both home and town so dear to you.

It's fine to have a friend you can
trust, but it is finer to have friends
who can trust you. Our Blessed Lord
said "And I have called you friends." Christ
is your Friend. Christ is the
Friend of your friends. Friends ex-
ercise friendship. Here is something
about

Friendship

"Life is sweet just because of the
friends we have made
And the things which in common we
share;

We want to live on, not because of
ourselves,
But because of the people who care;
It's giving and doing for somebody
else.

On all that life's splendour de-
pends
And the joys of the world, when you
-ve summed them all up,
Are found in the keeping of
Friends."

Back to thoughts about New Year.
Of the best of the New Year's gifts
there is nothing like the Gift of Re-
membrance. Whatever other gifts
fail to reach you because of faulty
transportation, or through act of the
enemy, you may be sure of the Gift
of Remembrance. You will find it a
very satisfying gift if you share it—
not if you hoard it. The New Year's
gift of Remembrance is intertwined
with Christmas. Whether you have
the opportunity of making your Christmas
Communion or not, be sure to remem-
ber in your prayers your home folk.
If you do make your Christmas Com-
munion then in that sweet and solemn
moment pray:

"And then for those our dearest and
our best,
By this prevailing presence we ap-
peal,

O fold them closer to thy mercy's
breast
O do thine utmost for their souls'
true weal:

From taunting mischief keep them
white and clear
And crown thy gifts with Grace to
preserve."

The Gift of Remembrance is a
blessed gift. It blesses alike those who
remember and those who are remem-
bered.

Back to thoughts of Christmas.
"What greetings can I send you
For this glad Christmas Day?
For the wish that I would wish you
Goes beyond what I can say;

Yet unspoken thoughts rise Heaven-
wards
In the silence when we pray.

I will breathe my intercession
Before God's altar throne
And the best wish I can wish you
Shall be told to him alone
And the best thought I can send you
Is from him and not mine own.

And your name shall be remembered
In the Blessed presence there
Where remembrances are sacred
And each memory holds a prayer
And where loving thoughts shall leave
you

In a loving Father's care."

Now, as I say "au revoir," it may
cheer you to know every Thursday
night at St. Luke's there is a service
of Intercession and you are remem-
bered by name.

"Now the God of Peace, that
brought again from the dead our Lord

CHRISTMAS

(William H. Irwin)

"Hark, the herald angels sing,
Glory to the newborn King."
The Christmas story is a work of
art. The artist gives us an event that
is steeped in song. The skies are made
to burst forth in a chorus that makes
the vault of heaven ring, as if the
earth and all the stars of the firm-
ament vibrated in harmony and all
creation resounded with the music of
the spheres.

Christmas was anticipated with mu-
sic as the faithful wended their pil-
grimage journeys through the moun-
tainous fastness of Judea and made
the hills to resound with the echoing
choruses of the songs of Zion.

Christmas is celebrated in song.
The muse has risen to its highest
heights in doing justice to the in-
spiration that the event imparts, and
Yuletide carols are almost unsurpassed
in the hymnody of the ages. No-
where does earth so blend with heav-
en as when men and angels sing in
unison:

"Joyful all ye nations rise,
Join the triumph of the skies."

The artist's conception appeals to
our sense of beauty:

"Silent night! holy night!
All is calm, all is bright."

Clear skies, bright stars and the
stillness of a world at rest; then a
gentle and sublime melody floating
out of the quiet and swelling to a
mighty crescendo, while an awakening
chorus takes up the refrain, while
"Glories stream from heaven afar"
and "Love's pure light
Radiant beams from God's holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace."

The year 1944 is one of modernistic
art; nights are dark with a darkness
intensified by dense, rolling columns
of smoke. V-bombs disturb the strato-
spheres in their lightning speed mis-
sions of death. The air is rent by
roaring fortresses, while blockbusters
with maddening din rock great cities
upon their foundations. Blackened
densities of darkness lurk unseath-
ing sharpened death, and rattling ma-
chine guns spit their deadly sparks
in nation-irradiating circles, while

"Earth is filled with farewells to the
dying
And mournings for the dead."

On Christmas, 1944, the angels are
under duress to sing if they dare.
Which chorus augurs the best things
for mankind? Which has the great-
est claim upon human attention?

"And man at war with man hears not
The love-song which they bring;
O hush your noise ye men of strife,
And hear the angels sing."

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HILLCREST HAPPENINGS

Mr. Yuric had the misfortune to
have a thumb smashed on Monday
while working in the mine.

Miss Ruth Anne Gregory celebra-
ted her thirteenth birthday on Sat-
urday with a party. The fourteen
young guests enjoyed the evening
playing games and dancing, after
which an enjoyable luncheon was
served.

Miss Clara Emery, of Calgary, was
a visitor here last Sunday.

Word was received by Mr. and Mrs.
Ulrich that their son, Pilot Officer
Charlie Ulrich, who had been station-
ed overseas, is coming home for
Christmas. He recently helped sink an
enemy submarine.

Mrs. J. Dudley was hostess to the
cigarette fund bridge-club on Tuesday.
Prize was won by Mrs. G. Cruick-
shank.

Jesus, that great Shepherd of the
Sheep, through the blood of the ever-
lasting covenant, make you perfect in
every good work to do His will, work-
ing in you that which is will pleasing
in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to
whom be glory for ever and ever.
Amen."

With these thoughts in mind and
with the thrill of anticipation which
one always experiences, as the Feast
of the Nativity of Christ approaches,
we wish those who are home; those
who are abroad and will please God,
soon be with us again. A Happy
Christmas.

Faithfully yours,
W. E. Brown.

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Britain's War Effort

IT HAS BEEN APPARENT since the beginning of the war that the people of Britain have faced the danger, discomfort and privation which they have been called upon to endure, with courage and optimism. They have experienced to the full the "blood, sweat and tears" which Mr. Churchill promised in his famous speech, delivered at a time when Britain's future appeared far from bright, but there has never been any indication of defeatism. Britain has been under frequent air attack throughout the war, and added to this has suffered continued shortage of many items essential to comfort, including food, fuel and clothing. In addition there has been the blackout. In spite of this, the British people have played a leading part in building up the great structure of men and materials which has at last out-matched Germany's military might.

Details Were Not Revealed

For security reasons, details of Britain's contribution to the Allied victory were not revealed until recently, when Mr. Brendan Bracken, the British Minister of Information, made them public in a White Paper entitled "Statistics Relating to the War Effort of the United Kingdom." In this paper it is stated that "the total war effort of the population of Britain is greater than that of any other belligerent," and there are many figures to prove the extent to which British resources, both human and material, have been mobilized. From a population of about 47,000,000, the armed forces have drawn 4,500,000 men and 500,000 women. On the industrial front the workers have turned out 70 per cent. of all the munitions "produced by or made available to the British Empire." These included 102,000 airplanes, 4,500,000 tons of shipping, 25,000 tanks, and nearly 4,000,000 machine guns.

Much Money Has Been Required

The money required to maintain this level of production has reached enormous proportions. Government expenditures, the White Paper states, have increased from four billions a year, at the outbreak of the war, to twenty-three billions. Carrying out this great undertaking has necessitated many financial sacrifices for the people of Britain, both individually, and as a nation. Assets amounting to more than four billions abroad have been sold and the foreign debt has increased by nine billions in the past five years. During this same period, exports on a commercial basis have been reduced by more than fifty per cent. Commenting on this aspect of Britain's war effort, Mr. Bracken wrote: "We have sacrificed most of our Victorian inheritance. What was the treasure of our grandfathers has gone, and it has been well and gladly sacrificed. The people of Britain and of the Empire should take great pride in the facts revealed in this White Paper."

PATENTS

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Human Interest Stories

Are Ample Proof That Most Editors Have Kind Hearts

Editors do have hearts despite all assertions to the contrary by reporting gentlemen of the press. True, they cut and "kill" without compunction, but just let a good "human interest" story come along, and the milk of human kindness is discernible even to the sturdiest editor that nothing but black ink runs through an editor's veins. Picking at random some of the stories of the week:

The light at Eighth Avenue and 54th in the world's busiest city flashes three times from red to green before Patrolman Reilly gives the go-ahead signal. Not until a little white cat has drunk his fill of milk spilled from a 30-gallon can, and has retired to the sidewalk lapping at his paws, is traffic allowed to proceed. And it's news worth precious space.

Another member of New York's feline family watching the procession of letters down a mail chute, and vainly trying to swallow them as they pass, rates room in the papers.

A lonesome pup, searching for his missing master at a busy New Orleans intersection for 48 hours, stands on his hind legs to view occupants of passing cars. His vigil earns him a two-column picture.

And somehow these little items, telling of kindness, simple amusement, and loyalty help make not only editors but the war news itself seem less formidable.—Christian Science Monitor.

Might Be Original

Vancouver Man May Have Copy of First Canadian Newspaper

What may be the first newspaper printed in Canada was uncovered when Larry Wilson, proprietor of a Vancouver book shop, obtained a copy of the Quebec Gazette, published on Thursday, June 21, 1764.

Mr. Wilson found the ancient Gazette in a Vancouver auction room, noted the yellow appearance and the peculiar type faces and thought he had a treasure.

Because of the many forgeries which surround first editions, however, he immediately started an investigation to ascertain if his copy was an original or a forgery.

He has had correspondence with the library of Congress at Washington, the Boston Public Library, the Public Archives of Canada, McGill University, the Public Library of Toronto, and the late Douglas C. McMurtrie, noted historian of printing.

None of his sources could verify if the copy was authentic but some pointed out that facsimiles were published in 1864.

The paper is printed in English and French and entitled about a scheme which was about to tax "our American colonies."

Until 1867, Alaska was designated on maps as Russian America.

Keeping Dry



The rains of autumn fall to dampen the spirit or the person of this Canadian soldier who keeps dry—in no military manner—while hiking to the Canadian front in Holland, where the downpour is almost continuous. The scrounged bumbuster comes in very handy here—the horn is for lighter moments.

Enjoys Good Time

Prime Minister Churchill Joins Sing-Song Aboard British Cruiser

Winston Churchill sang "Waltzing Matilda" aboard a British cruiser during one of his visits in Normandy. The story is told by Lt. Peter Taylor, R.A.N.V.R., of Western Australia. Mr. Churchill was in the captain's cabin and using the cruiser as his headquarters when he was attracted to the wardrobe by sounds of extreme merriment during a sing-song. He heard a number of officers referring to Lt. Taylor, who is a bright spark, as "Digger." Mr. Churchill, after asking the cruiser's captain if Digger was an authentic Australian, asked to be introduced to him. Then Mr. Churchill said: "I would like to hear you sing 'Waltzing Matilda'." Lt. Taylor sang the song, with Mr. Churchill, and other officers lustily joining in the chorus. "Mr. Churchill was grinning all round his cigar and looking like a real old British bulldog," Lt. Taylor said. "He said to me—'That's the song the Australians sang entering Bardia. Those days we were all alone.' I then somewhat cheekily replied: 'Not alone. The Australians were always there.' Winston just grinned and patted me on the back. Mr. Churchill then asked everyone to sing 'Rule Britannia', and he led the chorus."

The University of Paris was the model for Oxford and Cambridge.

Something Hot For Lunch



Youngsters enjoy something hot for lunch at school and only the simplest equipment is needed for this type of school lunch plan. The children bring all their lunch from home and included is one dish to be heated. A covered jar prevents spills in the lunch box, and each child's jar is marked with his name. At recess the jars are collected and placed in a pan of water on the stove. When the twelve o'clock bell rings the contents are piping hot. Popular with the children in the rural Manitoba school in which this picture was taken are cream soup, stew, baked beans and creamed vegetables with cheese.

Price Control And Rationing Information

Q—I was married last month, please tell me what to do about the name and address on my ration book.
A—Advise your Local Ration Board of your present address, not forgetting to give them at the same time your maiden name and ration book number—be sure to change the name and address on your ration book to conform with your present status.

Q—I have been discharged from the Air Force and they did not give me any ration book. How do I get one?
A—We would advise you to get in touch with your Local Ration Board and your new ration book will be issued. It will be necessary to present either your discharge papers or a letter signed by the Commanding Officer where you were discharged. Do not waste any time in applying for your book, otherwise you will have to forfeit the coupons covering the period from the time of discharge to the time of application for a ration book.

Q—Are canning sugar coupons still valid?
A—Yes, the first ten "B" canning sugar coupons are still valid only until December 31. These coupons are included in ration book number 3. After the end of December ration books 3 and 4 will be of no further use to you and may be destroyed after that date.

Q—I have given a one year subscription to a magazine as a Christmas gift for the past few years and have always paid \$1.00 for it. This year they have raised the price to \$1.50. Is this permitted?
A—The price of newspapers, magazines and periodicals are exempt from Price Board regulations.

Please send your questions or your request for the pamphlet "Consumers' News" or the Blue Book in which you keep track of your ceiling prices mentioning the name of this paper to the nearest Wartime Prices and Trade Board office in your province.

Prevent Floods

Proposals Are Being Studied For Post-War Work

The prairie farm rehabilitation administration announced that measures to prevent spring flooding in Brandon, Portage la Prairie and Winnipeg areas of Manitoba along the Assiniboine river now are being studied for proposed post-war projects.

The proposed work would include construction of two reservoirs in Saskatchewan, at Annie Laurie lake and another at Lake Winnipeg, a capacity of 2,722,500 gallons of water. Larger reservoirs would have to be built northwest of Brandon, at St. Lazare and near Shellmouth in Manitoba with the St. Lazare dam some 60 feet in height.

MORE CARE REQUIRED

Canadian wool must be marketed in better condition if it is to hold its own with other wools according to J. A. Teifer, in charge of sheep production for the Dominion Department of Agriculture. The chief trouble is dirtiness, which can be greatly reduced by a little care in handling.

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A Great Craft

First Guild of Silversmiths Formed in England in 1180

The history of English silver goes back to 1180, when the first Guild of Silversmiths was formed. In 1383 the word "sterling" was coined by Edward III, to denote articles made of unadulterated silver, 92.5 pure. Ever since the first guild was formed, silver has been marked with what is known as a hall mark, a mark peculiar to the individual maker and indicating to the initiated, maker, date, etc. All early silver was marked with some emblem, each city having its own—e.g. London the leopard, Sheffield the crown. All Scotch silver bore the mark of the thistle; all Irish the figure of a Harp.

The earliest English silver, was mostly church-plate, the work of craftsmen monks, who fashioned the silverware for the monasteries. Later, silver became secular and drinking-horns, tankards, beakers and chattering mugs played their part in the life of the people. There was a strange fact, too, in early times for coconut shells and ostrich eggs mounted in exquisite silver designs. With the use of salt came the great silver salt-dishes, set in the centre of the long board, to mark the gradation of rank above and below the king. During the early centuries, fingers being the only implements for eating, magnificent silver basins and ewers graced the feasts, being the giant finger-bowls of the time.

During the 16th century spoons came into favor, developing from crude wooden articles into elegant silver utensils. One development of these, the famed apostle spoons, is the joy of collectors of today. About 1620, spoons began to be used, but not till the 18th century, did cutlery, as we use it now—knives, forks and spoons—come into general use. To Queen Anne we owe much of our table silver of today.

To England, about 1658, came the hitherto unknown Chinese herb, tea, bringing to that land of fogs and cooey firesides not only the genial custom of tea-drinking, but, also, by degrees, all the elaborate silver paraphernalia of a stately social ritual. First came the teapot closely followed by the tea-caddy, and tea-caddy spoons. About 1700, came the sugar-bowl (the generous bowl of olden times), while about 1760 the tea-chain made its first appearance. About 1790, the complete tea-service was produced in all its silver beauty.

In 1742, a chemist discovered by accident that silver and copper could be mixed. From this discovery was developed Sheffield plate, and silver, which had belonged exclusively to the wealthy, became possible for people of moderate means. Up till 1840, hand-made Sheffield plate of great beauty was produced in large quantities in England. In 1840, the discovery of electro-plating ended the day of the hand-made Sheffield.

Use Franchise

Compulsory Voting Is Urged For Citizens Of Canada

Compulsory voting in Canada was urged at Toronto by National President Walter G. Attridge, Montreal, of the Junior Chamber of Commerce of Canada.

Necessity for "get out and vote" campaigns is a "crime" in such a country as Canada, said Attridge, who described the Junior Chamber's drive with that objective.

Three Canadian cities registered less than a 27 per cent. vote in municipal elections, he told the Young Men's Section of the Toronto Board of Trade.

NOT HIS RESPONSIBILITY

The wife of a recently-married Aberdonian had successfully undergone an operation for appendicitis. A day or two after the operation her husband was having a whisky with some friends who in a moment of forgetfulness mentioned that the operation should have taken place two or three years earlier.

The father-in-law received the bill.

Meat Contracts

British Food Minister States What Canada Will Supply

Food Minister J. Llewellyn told a press conference in London that arrangements were going forward for conclusion of contracts with Canada for supply of bacon, ham and beef in 1945. He did not elaborate. During this year and 1945, the food minister told the House of Commons, Nov. 15, Canada will supply a minimum 50,000,000 pounds of beef each year and three United Kingdom would purchase a maximum of 112,000,000 pounds this year and 134,400,000 in 1945.

SMILE AWHILE

Cyril: "You may spurn me, but remember I shall not always be a clerk at \$20 a week."

Marie: "That's just the trouble. You may lose your job at any time."

"This is a great country, Pat."

"And how's that?"

"The paper says you can buy a forty-dollar money order for six cents."

"My father has influenza all the time."

"Doesn't he know that whiskey is good for influenza?"

"Yes, that's why he has it all the time."

"Male Strangler: 'Madame, you are standing on my foot.'"

Feminine Dittie: "I beg your pardon. I thought it belonged to the man sitting down."

Secretary: "Do you know what time I have to get up to be here by nine?"

Office Manager: "Why not get here by nine and find out?"

"I am very worried about my son's health."

"What has he got?"

"A motorcycle."

"Did you hear about that delicate hint Mr. Hangon got last night?"

"No."

Well, Edith found that looking at the clock and other familiar devices were of no avail, so she asked for some refreshments, and her mother sent in a dish of breakfast food."

Neighbor (sympathetically) — And I know how long these years must seem to you.

Deserted Wife—Yes, but I remember when he left just as if it had been yesterday—how he stood at the door holding it open until six flies got into the house.

"Hey, Bill!" yelled the electrician to his helper, "grab hold of one of those wires."

"O.K." said Bill. "I've got one."

"Feel anything?"

"Nope."

"Good! I wasn't sure which way which. Don't touch the other!"

The tired-looking man sat facing the solicitor.

"And so you want a divorce from your wife?" said the latter. "Aren't your relations pleasant, then?"

"Mine are," answered the other wearily, "but hers are perfectly horrid."

Mr. Peaster—That's a pretty woman that just passed us.

Mrs. Peaster—H'm! She's wearing her last season's hat, her puffs don't match her hair, her waist hikes up on the back and her skirt sags on one side. Men never notice anything.

SOON WEAR OUT

For every 100 combat rifles that go overseas, 80 will have to be replaced within a year. For every hundred machine guns, the ratio is 85 annual replacements.

The most important mineral substances required in food are the salts of iron, iodine, phosphorus, calcium (lime), manganese, potash, and soda.

Allied Leaders May Meet Again In Near Future

LONDON.—Diplomatic problems clamoring for swift solution drew Prime Minister Churchill and President Roosevelt—and possibly Marshal Stalin—closer to another of their historic meetings.

At stake was the settlement of such immediate problems as the co-ordination of apparently diverging Allied policies in Europe and the necessity for speeding plans for the treatment of Germany after the war.

In view of the need for improving Anglo-American relations and since President Roosevelt will not be inaugurated for his fourth term until Jan. 20, the speculation in informed quarters favored a meeting before the end of the year.

Although diplomatic quarters speculated on the whereabouts of both Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. Churchill, censorship prohibited any mention of their movements.

Security also prevented naming of dates and places for such a conference. Among the possibilities were Great Britain, the Middle East, Canada and the United States.

The British press, meanwhile, argued that the meeting should be held in Great Britain. Weeks ago it launched a campaign to bring the Big Three together here. It contended the 70-year-old Churchill has done far more than his share of travelling, and that the others should come to him.

Problems facing the Big Three for immediate consideration were:

1. Germany—from all indications, the Allies are far behind on their plans for dealing with post-war Germany. Co-ordination of policy for de-Nazifying Germany appeared to be one of the main points on the Big Three agenda.
2. One of the main subjects for solution was the principal issue of the Dumbarton Oaks conference: unanimity between the Big Three in case of aggression by any of the great powers themselves.
3. Parallel policy in the liberated countries, in order to prevent crises similar to those in Greece and Italy.
4. Far East—an attempt probably by the United States and Great Britain to clarify further Russia's position after the collapse of Germany.

POST-WAR PLANS

Recommendation For The Long-Range Control Of Germany

WASHINGTON.—Allied officials in London now are drawing up recommendations for long-range control of Germany.

This was learned along with the fact that the question of economic treatment, which caused a cabinet row in Washington this fall, is being considered.

The agreement signed by representatives of the European advisory commission on military occupation plans is still being reviewed in the various capitals. There is every expectation, however, that it will be approved because Britain, Russia and the United States sanctioned the plan point by point as it was being written.

This leaves the commission to go on to plans for final elimination of the Nazis, demilitarization of Germany, and controls to make it impossible for Berlin to build another war machine.

The only open question on the occupation plan is France, which did not take part in writing the agreement because she was not made a member of the commission until after it was completed.

However, Moscow reports indicate that Gen. De Gaulle went into detailed discussions with Premier Stalin on plans for Germany.

WIN ATTENTION

Many Inquiries Received For Canada's National Film Board Pictures

VANCOUVER.—Motion pictures being produced by Canada's national film board are attracting world-wide attention. John Grierson, head of the board, said in a speech to the board of trade here.

Enquiries have been received from the governments of Great Britain, the United States, Belgium, France and the U.S.S.R., Mr. Grierson said.

"Education has been so concentrated on the academic that it has forgotten its relation to the actual needs of the country," he said.

The board has approximately 170 travelling theatres on regular schedules playing in towns and villages, in schools and factories, working in conjunction with chambers of commerce, trade unions and industrial management.

General "Ike" Visits Canadians



Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, supreme Allied commander in the European theatre, bends down to get a better view of demonstration by Canadian troops during a visit to their base in Holland. On the right is Lieut.-Gen. H. D. G. Crerar, commander of the Canadian troops.

Plans Made For Control Of Nazi War Industries

LONDON.—United States proposals for control of Germany were said by a reliable informant to call for "complete and ruthless" abolition of German war industries and the wiping out of Germany's aviation enterprises.

Other German industries would be controlled so completely that Germany could never again dominate European economy.

Ambassador John G. Winant was reported reliably to have presented the European advisory council two or more memoranda containing the American proposals as part of the Allies' plan to prevent Germany from ever again waging war.

Mr. Winant was believed to have discussed the data with President Roosevelt and the state department during his recent visit to Washington.

The Americans were believed to have suggested that it should be made impossible for Germany's chemical industries to manufacture poison or similar weapons.

SECRET WEAPON

German Radio Says New V-Weapon Will Be Used

LONDON.—The German radio hinted that a new secret V-weapon—perhaps V-3—was being fired at Belgian cities.

The broadcast quoted "well informed circles in Berlin" in stating that "the projectiles fired at Antwerp and Liege are noticeably different from the flying bombs fired at London. They are said to be shorter and thicker and are thought to be a completely different weapon."

Berlin has hinted several times that V-3 was ready for use, and New York was mentioned as a possible target. The broadcast may be manufactured propaganda, or a search for information.

MASS MURDER

Sixteen Million Civilians Are Said To Have Been Murdered By Nazis

NEW YORK.—The Nazis and their allies have murdered more than 16,350,000 civilian men, women and children in occupied Europe, according to a tabulation of the editors of True Magazine.

The total, based, the editors said, on lowest official estimates, includes 10,000,000 Russians, 5,000,000 Poles, 1,000,000 Yugoslavs, 345,000 Dutch, 80,000 Greeks, 60,000 Czechoslovaks, 50,000 French, 15,000 Belgians, 750 Norwegians and 75 Danes. It does not list 1,000,000 children of France who, according to Gen. Charles de Gaulle, starved to death under German rule, nor does the tabulation include 500,000 Greeks who met a similar death.

NEW YORK.—Several trainloads of V-2 bombs were hit by Belgian-based Allied planes in a concentrated attack on the Netherlands railway at Leyden, the BBC said.

ONLY ONE WAY

British Commander Gives His View About Beating Jap Fleet

MELBOURNE.—Admiral Sir Bruce Fraser, commander-in-chief of Britain's newly-created Pacific fleet, gave his views on the part his command will play in the Pacific.

In an interview after his arrival in Melbourne, he said:

"The country with the greatest sea power must win the war. We have that sea power. The Japanese are losing theirs."

"Field Marshal Sir Bernard Montgomery told me that Germans between 20 and 25 are hopeless in their outlook and cannot be changed and the only thing to do is kill them. The Japanese fleet apparently has the same idea, and the only thing to do is to sink it. This we shall surely do."

"But as the Japanese fleet goes back the job becomes more difficult. In the end we may find ourselves island-hopping."

PEOPLE MUST WAIT

Channel Islands Cannot Be Liberated Until Germany Is Defeated

LONDON.—Liberation of Britain's channel islands must wait perhaps until the end of the war while British troops fight elsewhere, it was reported.

They're a part of Britain—the islands of Guernsey, Jersey, Alderney and Sark, nestled a few miles off the Cherbourg peninsula—but their military importance is considered insufficient to divert a liberating force from the main task of invading Germany.

It is estimated the German garrison on the islands numbers about 15,000. To attack them with guns and bombs would mean casualties among the 65,000 Britons who remain there.

STICKING TOGETHER

LONDON.—The foreign ministers of Germany, Japan and Fascist Italy exchanged "right-to-the-end" messages on the third anniversary of the tripartite military pact, the German radio reported.

Directing China's War Effort



This photo, showing Marshal Chiang Kai-shek with his troops, is one of the most recent of the man who has directed the destinies of China for the past 18 years. Headlines tell of the marshal's appointment of T. V. Soong as premier of China, an appointment which leaves the marshal free to devote all his efforts to war tasks. Furthermore, it is noted that Soong, brother of Mme. Chiang, is moderate towards China's Communists with whom Chiang has been at loggerheads. This photo is from Time's "Inside China".

British Tommies On Their Way To Venlo



British infantrymen halt for a rest, a chat and a smoke on their way to an advanced position with the 2nd British Army near Venlo.

New Appointment



Canadian Army Overseas photo. Major General Charles Philip Fenwick, M.C., 53, who has been appointed as Director General of Medical Services and promoted from the rank of brigadier. General Fenwick has been serving overseas as Deputy Director of Medical Services at headquarters of the First Canadian Army in North Western Europe. He will arrive shortly to take over his new duties. He was born in St. John's, Newfoundland, and educated at the University of Toronto and the University of London, England. Mrs. Fenwick resides at 230 Rosedale Heights, Toronto.

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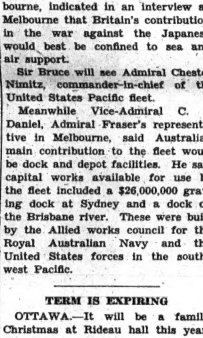
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Predicts A New Government For Polish People

MOSCOW.—Boleslaw Berut, peasant-born president of the Polish national council, predicted that the new year would be ushered in by the formation of a provisional government of Poland dedicated to satisfying the land hunger of 8,000,000 landless peasants.

"The Soviet government has sponsored the development of Berut's council with its seat at Lublin, Poland, and recent Moscow dispatches have indicated that a move to make it the provisional government of Poland was under way. Such a development probably would end all chance of an agreement between Lublin and the Polish government in London."

Berut said the construction of the provisional government would be the major task before the 120 deputies at the next session of the national council.

"We hope that western Poland will be freed from the Germans in the next few months," he said.

Asked whether he saw any possibility of the Poles of the London government resuming relations with Russia, broken since 1943, Berut replied:

"They hate the Soviet Union because they represent the Polish landowners and nobility under Raszkiewicz (Wladyslaw Raszkiewicz, president of the London regime), who bases his authority on the 1935 constitution which set up a dictatorship. This nobility once possessed large estates in Soviet territory of the Ukraine. They wish to get back these lands and therefore will intrigue constantly for a future war against the Soviet Union."

LONDON.—Wladyslaw Raszkiewicz, president of the Polish republic, appointed an acting deputy premier and three cabinet ministers inside Poland as the trouble-torn government here sought from the homeland's underground army a new guide in policy to strengthen its shaky standing.

A communique issued by the Polish government said the deputy premier and three cabinet ministers, whose names were not disclosed because of security, already were performing their duties, and that all were well-known members of the underground movement.

The ministers represent three main parties which form the council of national unity in Poland—peasant, national and socialist.

ANOTHER MILESTONE

Fifth War Year Shows Little Sign Of German Collapse

LONDON.—History's bloodiest and costliest conflict edged past a new milestone to become a year longer than the First Great War, and Germany showed few signs of such an internal collapse as brought about its defeat in 1918.

This war was five years, 14 weeks and two days old on December 11. The First Great War ended in four years, 14 weeks and two days—six hours after the armistice terms were signed in Marshal Foch's railroad carriage at 5 a.m. Nov. 11, 1918 in Compiègne.

Tendency to discount the possibility of a home-front revolt was strengthened by British ministry of economic warfare reports generally showing that the average German family is better fed and better clothed now than it was in 1918.

ROCKET RAIDS

Allies To Concentrate On German Military Targets

LONDON.—The Allies are determined to concentrate on bombing German military targets despite Nazi robot and rocket raids on England, Foreign Secretary Eden said.

He made this clear after one member of the House of Commons called on Prime Minister Churchill to give the Nazis the same warning about V-weapon attacks that he gave in 1942 when he threatened retaliation if the Germans used gas.

"The principle on which our targets in Germany are selected is that of destroying as quickly as possible Germany's power to wage war," said Mr. Eden.

BUTTER STOCKS LOW

OTTAWA.—Stocks of creamy butter in Canada on Dec. 3 totalled 52,298,446 pounds compared with 53,857,537 pounds on Nov. 1, a decrease of more than 11,600,000 pounds, the Dominion bureau of statistics reported.

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CHRISTMAS 1944

"The hopes and fears of all the years are met in Thee tonight."

These are the words with which Phillips Brooks wrote of that Little Town of Bethlehem, where was born in far-off Judea, nearly 2000 years ago, the Child whose birth gave us our Christmas. And still today the hopes and fears of all the years meet in Him as they did that night in the lowly manger where He lay.

Christmas comes, we say, but once a year. But He is ever coming—coming to the hearts of men with the divinest message humanity has ever heard.

No wonder Christmas Day is the Day of Days. Whatever it may bring us this year of joy or sorrow, it is our assurance that "Peace on Earth, and Good Will toward Men" is still life's final goal.—E.V.

To every reader of these words we send our Christmas and New Year greetings.

—V—
REVIE WALKER HONORED

At a special Christmas session of members of the Blairmore Branch of the Canadian Legion, BESL, on Wednesday night a splendid programme of vocal and instrumental music was rendered.

A feature of the programme was the introduction of a number of returned veterans, including Revie Walker, who was fittingly decorated and given the following address:

"To Squadron Leader Daniel Revie Walker, DFC and Bar:

"We, the officers and members of Blairmore Branch No. 7, Canadian Legion, British Empire Service League, have assembled together in order that we may cordially welcome you on your visit home from duty overseas, and also at this time, so far as mere words can convey, to show our appreciation and to recognize the Meritorious Service you have so gloriously rendered to your King and Empire.

"We trust and hope that you have enjoyed your visit home for a well-deserved vacation among your relatives and friends, old and new.

"At this time we extend to you our best wishes in your future operational duties with the Royal Canadian Air Force, sincerely believing that you will uphold with honour the illustrious record you have already achieved, and which has brought great credit to yourself and filled the hearts of your fellow citizens with great pride.

"Dated at Blairmore this 20th day of December, 1944."

The address was endorsed by some fifty or more members of the BESL. Revie made very fitting reply, thanking the members for their acknowledgement of his services and wishing them well.

—V—
It's when everyone insists he or she is right that everything goes wrong.Men, Women Over 40
Feel Weak, Worn, Old?
Want Normal Pep, Vim, Vitality?

These pills, made of natural ingredients, make you feel younger, more alert, more energetic. They help you overcome fatigue, nervousness, and all the other things that make you feel old. They are sold in all good drug stores everywhere.

A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM
COMMISSIONER BENJAMIN
ORAMES

Once again, in the Season of the Birthday of the Christ Child, people want to give or share not only their worldly goods, but the many small happinesses of life that make this, of all seasons of the year, the most unforgettable.

Unfortunately for many people, the sharing stops with the Christmas Season. We hear many stories these days, from the occupied countries. They say themselves, that many of them for the first time, know what it is to share... their daily bread... the small luxuries that may, once in a long while, come their way... but most of all, the small incidents of daily living and companionship.

In this fifth Christmas of a world at war we, of The Salvation Army, pause to offer a special prayer of thankfulness that, in the coming year, we may look for Peace, and that this

bond of fellowship may be one of the cornerstones. We recognise the gigantic tasks we have to make this a lasting Peace and, with the spirit of the Christ Child over before us, we cannot fail.

—V—
Disproving the old idea that navy mascots are invariably parrots, monkeys and dogs, Seabees battalions from every fighting front at Camp Endicott, Quarect RI, have adopted mascots that range in variety from a black bear to a horned toad.—V—
Today, December 22nd, sixty-four men of the RCN will complete the last electrical artificers' course in the department of physics and electrical engineering at the University of Alberta. Since June 2nd, 1941, when 120 men of the RCAF arrived for their first radio mechanics course, these two departments have given twenty courses, each of about four months, to a total of approximately 1,200 men.

CBC OVERSEAS LIBRARY

CBC correspondent Peter Strusberg R. Bridgman, listen to the play-back (left), with engineer-in-charge, A. W. of recordings in the CBC overseas Holmes, and record librarian, Miss M. unit library in London.

Tantalum, a valuable and very rare metal, has been found in fairly large quantity about seventy miles east of Yellowknife.

A Fernie district hotel keeper was last week fined \$75 and costs for having more liquor permits in his possession than the law allows.

MINER STABBED TO DEATH

Louis Gal, aged 53, died in a cabin here on Wednesday night from knife wounds sustained in a quarrel, and Joseph Lemkyel, 56, is charged with murder. Both miners, they had been bachelors together at the Blairmore campsite for several years. The argument is said to have started over a complaint of the cabin being in an untidy condition.

An autopsy was performed on the body of Gal on Thursday and an inquest is being held today.

Gal and Lemkyel are Hungarians who came to Canada about fifteen years ago.

—V—
On Sunday evening last mass meetings in the interest of the Trades Unionists - Labor Progressive party were held at Fernie and Natal, addressed by Joe Salaberg, member of the Ontario legislature, and Harvey Murphy, Labor-Progressive party candidate for East Kootenay.

Enterprise...

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CHRISTMAS IN TRUTH

Yet with the woes of sin and strife
The world has suffered long;
Beneath the angel-strain have rolled
Two thousand years of wrong;
And man at war with man hears not
The words of peace they bring—
O listen now, ye men of strife,
And hear the angels sing.

For lo, the days are hastening on,
By prophets seen of old,
When with ever-during years
Shall come the time foretold
When the new heaven and earth shall
own

The Prince of Peace their King,
And the whole world send back the
song
Which now the angels sing.

The people are heart sick of the
tragedy, suffering, death, destruction
and the futility of war.

The strife for place and power
transcends for the moment the deter-
mination of those who would have
justice and a square deal for all be
the guiding rule.

But this will come, and pray God
the day be not too far distant, when
mankind shall live in a world of pro-
gress, construction and development
of peaceful pursuits and the elevat-
ing of things spiritual in the individ-
ual and nation.—Ex.

APPLES FROM BRITISH COLUMBIA FILL 10,000 CARS

Advice from Vancouver says that the
biggest fruit crops in the Okanagan
Valley history have been harvested,
and that more than 10,000 cars of ap-
ples have rolled out to domestic and
overseas markets. Shipments are the
heaviest in three years, and expected
to reach an all-time peak.

Jerry: "Anything nice for tea to-
night, dear?"

She: "Oh, yes, there's sponge cake.
I sponged the eggs from Martin Ku-
bik, the flour from Thompson's and
the milk from the dairy."

Murphy: "Have you seen Pat late-
ly?"

O'Brien: "Faith, yes, I thought I
saw him on the other side of the road
yesterday, and he thought he saw me;
but, begorra, when we got up to one
another it was neither of us."

Doctor: "And did you take your
husband's temperature as I told you?"

"Yes, doctor, I borrowed a barom-
eter and placed it on his chest. It said
'very dry,' so I bought him a quart of
beer and he went out and made two
touchdowns."

One of the GI's with a row of rib-
bons on his chest was listening to the
radio when he heard the announcer
say: "All of our chewing gum is going
to the boys overseas."

The returned veteran remarked:
"Now, I gotta go back for gum."

Mother: "Johnnie, dear, I was hop-
ing you would be unselfish enough to
give your little sister the large piece
of candy. Why, even that old hen will
give all the nicest dainties to her
little chicks and take only a tiny one
once in a while for herself."

Johnnie (after watching the old hen
for a while): "Well, mom, I'd do the
same thing if it was worms."

Why Jim Changed Jobs

"You must love, honor and obey
your husband," droned the parson,
"and follow him wherever he goes."

The wife looked aghast: "Fancy!"
she exclaimed, "and Jim a deep-sea
diver."

HOME MADE RAT POISONS

Because it has the advantage over
rat poisons in that it is relatively
harmless to human beings and do-
mestic animals, finely ground red
squill is one of the most satisfactory
materials to use in home-made poison-
ed baits for rats. Chopped fresh fish,
canned fish, freshly ground meat, and
cereals, such as corn meal or bran,
are recommended as baits. In prepar-
ing the fish or meat baits, mix one
and one-half ounces of powdered red
squill with enough water to make a
thin paste, without lumps, and add
it to one pound of fish or meat and
mix thoroughly. In making a cereal
bait, mix one and one-half ounces of
dry red squill with one pound of cereal
and then add one pint of sweet milk
or water, stirring thoroughly to a
mushy consistency.

Second in value only to red squill is
barium carbonate. Although less poi-
sonous than arsenic, it should be han-
dled with care as it is fatal to chick-
ens, dogs, cats and larger animals if
eaten in sufficient quantity. It is in-
expensive, odorless and tasteless.
Baits may be prepared by mixing one
part of the poison to five parts of
food, such as meal or flour, adding
sufficient water to form a dough.

Arsenic is used in many rat poisons.
It is more deadly than barium carbon-
ate. A good bait is prepared by mix-
ing thoroughly one tablespoonful of
finely powdered white arsenic with
one pound of oatmeal and one pound
of coarse brown sugar. Another for-
mula is arsenic, two ounces; canned
salmon, one pound; cornmeal, one
pound. Another method reported suc-
cessful is to dissolve one-quarter of
an ounce of hot glycerine and to
spread this solution thinly on slices
of bread. When preparing and dis-
tributing these baits, every precaution
must be taken to avoid exposing them
where they may cause accidental poi-
soning to human beings, pets or live
stock.

Phosphorus is a common ingredient
in rat poisons, but it is too danger-
ous to use in home-made poisons owing
to its inflammability. Strychnine, a
virulent poison and widely used
against rats, has been found unsat-
isfactory in home-made poisons.
Thallium is reported to be very ef-
fective, but is too dangerous to be
recommended for home-made mix-
tures. Further information will be
found in the special pamphlet No. 33,
"Control of Rats and Mice," which
may be obtained free by writing to the
Publicity and Extension, Domini-
on Department of Agriculture.

All the district except Coleman vot-
ed in favor of the proposed district
hospital on Saturday. Final figures
were 1,069 to 324. A two-thirds vote
was needed to carry the proposal,
which calls for a district hospital with
60-bed accommodation, to be located
centrally, and to cost in the neigh-
borhood of \$185,000.

Student: "Professor, which do wom-
en prefer, men who give in to them
or the other kind?"

Psychologist: "What other kind?"

"Nearly a generation ago my head
was grazed at the second battle of
Ypres."

The little boy looked thoughtfully
at the old man's head: "There isn't
much grazing there now, is there,
grandpa?"



In Grateful Appreciation
To thank you, as we'd like to do,
Is far beyond our powers;
For if we had no friends like you,
There'd be no firm like ours.

May Your Christmas Be Happy
and Your New Year Prosperous

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Peace Will Return

—and like the Star that
Shone on Bethlehem,
bring new hope and
spirit to the peoples of
the world.

Once again we wish
our friends at Home, and
across the Seas...

A Glad Christmas—
A Peaceful New Year

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loyalty and patronage have made possible our progress
and prosperity during the past year.

We Wish You All a Happy Christmas

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and a Happy New Year
to all Citizens of the Crows' Nest Pass
and SPECIAL GREETINGS to all noble lads who
have gone from our midst to fight in the Cause
of Freedom on land, in the air or on sea.



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and a
Bright and Prosperous New Year



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THE CHRISTMAS ANSWER

Christmas in the middle of war is one of the greatest paradoxes of all time. There are stories in this war, and in the last, which tell of fighting being stopped and exchanges made between the opposing armies. In some cases management, often for the only time during the year, becomes considerate of the employees. Families not on speaking terms with each other get together on the common meeting ground of Christmas.

Thank God we can still do that. Thank God Christmas still creates that response in the hearts of so many people. But if we continue to abuse the spirit of Christmas for 364 days in the year then how much longer will December 25th mean anything to us?

Christmas, this year, will be celebrated for most of us against the background of the recent crisis in Ottawa and of what is happening in the liberated countries of Europe. To this writer, the message of Christmas has very much to do with these two issues. And it is not just wishing that the people of Europe could get as good a Christmas dinner as most of us hope to. It is all this, but much more.

In Europe they are faced with a great choice. We in Canada have the same choice to make, too, but we can still have a certain leeway in which to make sure that the right decision is made. The choice takes a political form, but is actually a moral and spiritual one. It is, very simply, what way of life is to get control? Is it to be a rehearsal form of fascist dictatorship of the right, a communist dictatorship of the left, or is it to be a much more virile form of militant Christian Democracy than has ever been tried before.

There is no middle way any more. It is the right or the left or the God-inspired alternative that comes from above. You live out the Christmas message and you have it.

Why aren't we doing this now? The answer is simple. Because we have forgotten the two ingredients of the Christmas message which gives it life and fire. First that human nature can be changed and in that change lies the only permanent answer, and secondly that there is such a thing as Divine guidance which is available to people all day and all the time. Joseph and Mary knew this all right. The Acts of the Apostles are full of evidences of the Divine directing power in ordinary men's lives. Most of us, too, can look back and put our finger on times when we felt that sense of guidance. Why can't that become a reality for every day?

Unless the Christian forces of Europe recapture the reality of these truths they will most certainly go under. What answer have we in Canada? The issues may not be so clear-cut yet, but the future depends just as much on the choice we make today.

There is a line by us unseen
That crosses every path.
There is a line that comes between
God's mercy and His wrath.

Mrs. Mary Jane Pearson, resident of Fernie as early as 1900, passed away in Vancouver on December 8th, aged 91. She is survived by two sons and two daughters, eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, all under 70.

THE BLAIRMORE BUZZ

A recent edition of the Blaimore Buzz, published by the boys overseas, asks "What on earth is this edition for?"

It is with grave misgivings that we go to press this week after being sued for libel by one Ldg Writer Morton for the publication of the poem "The Frustrated Wolf." Copy of same may be obtained by writing to the office of the Blaimore Buzz, Deck W, and guess what the W is for. The one condition on which he withdrew his charge was that we publish a short poem of his that he dashed off in a moment of frustration. Upon person interview, and for a slight fee of tuppence bit, the wolf, pardon us—Morton—will sing same in either baritone or tenor:

"Won't you tell me when
The Blaimore is going home,
Sunday, Monday or ever?

I'm not satisfied
To stay here on this side
Till Sunday, Monday or always."
At this point all the girls can shout, scream and finally swoon. Mort's as good as Sinatra.

A Little Learning, by C. G. Brock: Absolute knowledge have I none,
But the MO's aunt's washerwoman's sister's son.

Heard a rating on the street
Say to a soldier in a jeep
That he had a letter just last week
Written in the finest Greek

From a Chinese coolie in Timbuctoo
Who said the negroes in Cuba knew
Of a ship refitting in a Texas town
Who got it straight from a circus clown

That a man in Kitchener heard the news

From a gang of South American Jews
About a man on the telephone
Who knew when the Blaimore was going home.

Tiffy's new definition of Canada:
"Long, long ago, and very far away."
No one could say who the author was, but Canadians, irked by government liquor restrictions last week, were reciting a new poem. We think it is quite the thing. Carry on, Canada:

Sing a song of sixpence,
A bottle full of rye—
Six and twenty ounces
For a month's supply.
When the war is over
We'll all begin to sing:
"Now we've finished Hitler,
Where's Mackenzie King?"

NEW CHAIN LETTER

This rather different chain letter is going the rounds just now:

"Dear Friend: This chain was started in Reno with the hope of bringing happiness to weary housewives. Unlike most chains, this does not cost any money. Simply send a copy of this letter to five female friends, then bundle up your husband and send him to the woman whose name heads the list. When your name works to the top, you will in turn receive 1,176 tall, dark and handsome men. Have faith—don't break the chain. One woman broke the chain and got her husband back.

"What can I do for my country?"
is the spirit which brings victory.
"What can I do my country for?"
is the spirit which turns victory into defeat.

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WATSON PORTER

has been appointed chairman of the broadcasts in CBC's national farm radio forum, which commenced October 30, with programmes heard at 9.30 p.m. in CBC's midwestern region. Mr. Porter is widely known as editor of The Farmers Advocate and Home Magazine, and as secretary of the Ontario conservation and reforestation association, which he helped to organize.

Most of our dreams will never come true unless we wake up.

Nothing is so tiring as selfishness, nor so tiresome to others.

Sir Alfred B. Morin, lawyer and one time leader of the legislative council of Newfoundland, died in Toronto on Monday, aged 87.

A resident of Fernie for the past forty-six years, Felice Antonio Misic, passed away in Fernie last week at the ripe age of ninety.

The death occurred at Macleod on Sunday of Dr. George Sidney Mills, dentist, aged 69.

Mrs. Maltman, of High River, celebrated her 82nd birthday on December 7th.

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With the advent of Christmas this year, these words hold for us an added significance:
"Peace to men of good will!"

WE Canadians, whether we fight in the factory or on the farm—in industry or in the armed services, wish peace on earth to men of good will the world

over. We are fighting that the spirit of Christmas shall endure. And we rejoice that this Christmas brings with it the definite promise of freedom for all mankind.

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WORLD HAPPENINGS
BRIEFLY TOLD

Since the war began the army has requisitioned more than 200,000 houses in Britain.

H. W. Healy, pioneer of radio and television, died in Manxville, England, after a short illness.

Canada grew 608,000 tons of sugar beets this year, 28 per cent over the 478,300 tons 1943 crop.

Air raid casualties in Manchester since the war began were 569 persons killed and 1,778 injured.

A block of 12 penny black Canadian stamps issued in 1951 brought \$146 (about \$650) at an auction.

It can be disclosed now that aircraft which dropped jeeps and six-pounder guns in Normandy on D-Day were Halifaxes.

John Harding, 19-year-old engineer, who pleaded guilty at London to counterfeiting charges, said he learned how to make the false coins in a book written by an ex-Scotland Yard man.

A fund has been launched to restore the ancient Church of St. Julian, Norwich, Norfolk, destroyed by enemy action two years ago. Mother Julian, a great English mystic, lived 40 years in a cell in this church.

Canada's external trade, excluding gold, was valued at \$478,500,000 in October, compared with \$425,796,000 in the corresponding month of last year, an increase of 12.4 per cent, the Dominion Bureau of Statistics reported.

Waste Paper

Paper Salvage Is Needed Now More Than Ever

"Now more than ever before, the importance of waste paper in the work it can do at the battle front, makes it necessary to keep a large supply of it going through the mills." This was a statement of an official of the National Salvage Division in Ottawa when interviewed recently.

"Papers in your attic or cellar, thrown into the garbage can, burnt or in some other way destroyed, is of no value to Canada's armed forces," he said. "Paper turned in during local salvage drives, however, can play a big part in the packaging of vital supplies."

"Every scrap of paper that is not gummed or waxed, dirt or wet, is wanted. Newspapers, letters, paper board, cereal boxes, posters, tickets, envelopes; in short every bit of paper lingering unnecessarily in homes, offices and other buildings is needed," the official pointed out.

"Many people ask why the paper has to be tied in bundles," said the official. "The answer is simple. It's easier to handle! Speed in wartime is the essential factor, and the sooner the waste paper can be sent to the paper mills, the sooner it can be made into cartons and other battle necessities."

A USEFUL PRODUCT

Castor oil, the production of which has reached a high level in Brazil, has several advantages over other oils. It is particularly suitable for aircraft engines in view of its very low freezing point, its adhesiveness and its great resistance to heat. In addition, its percentage of residue and its solubility in gasoline or benzene are both very low.

REAL LIFESAVERS

Birds and monkeys save the lives of soldiers lost in the jungles. By watching what these creatures eat, men learn what berries and fruits are good to eat and which are poisonous.

LIFE'S LIKE THAT

By Fred Neher



Inspects Propulsion Unit Of V-2



Dr. L. Snell, of Orillia, Ont., is peering inside the propulsion unit of a V-2 rocket bomb that landed somewhere in the south of England recently. The jets that drive the rocket are located in this part of the projectile. Some observers describe the rocket bomb as "resembling a light post. So far no one in Britain has seen a complete one."

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

DECEMBER 24

THE GROUND OF UNIVERSAL JOY

Golden text: Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all the people. Luke 2:10.
Lesson: Luke 2:8-12; Hebrews 1:1-4; John 1:1-4.
Devotional Reading: Isaiah 55:1-13.

Explanations and Comments

Tidings of Great Joy for All People. Luke 2:12. In obedience to a decree of Caesar Augustus, that all should be enrolled "each in his own city," Mary and Joseph went from Nazareth to Bethlehem, about 80 miles, because Bethlehem, "the city of David," was the home of their ancestor. There Jesus was born and laid in a manger, for there was no room in the inn.

"I am grateful that he was born a little child and grew into manhood, that he gathered experiences as we do, and gained knowledge of our life by living it, sharing our common human habitation, our human joys and our human pains" (Richard Roberts).

Everyone knows the beautiful story of the shepherds and the angels, and the tidings of great joy that "there is born to you this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord."

Jesus as Son of God Supercedes All Earlier Revelations. Hebrews 1:1-4. The object of the Epistle to the Hebrews is thus given in the One Volume Commentary: "The Christians addressed are evidently in danger of falling away from their faith and apostatizing altogether. The Hebrews are discouraged to almost the extent of despair, because they do not see how the gospel can offer them anything like compensation for what they have lost in being cast out of the synagogue on account of their confession of the Nazarene. This is the condition that the Epistle has to face. The method of meeting it is to boldly challenge the vaunted, venerable Judaism in its own stronghold, the Law. The author substitutes a comparison between Christianity and Judaism, or rather between Christ and the chief personages of Judaism—for with him Christianity is Christ—in order to show that Christ is his superior in their very points of excellency, and that the gospel gives Christians the very things that the Law professed to give, but much more effectually."

Then 1:1-7 the two methods of revelation are contrasted, Judaism rested on the Old Testament as its authority; Christianity rests on the revelation in Christ. The earlier revelation was fragmentary, and limited by the limited human nature of the prophets through whom it came; the later revelation is a unity coming through that One Person in whom Scripture to God has been fulfilled, and who therefore most adequately represents "the divine nature."

WAS ONCE PRIZED

So rare and prized was pepper at one time in early Great Britain that it was not used as a seasoning, but was served in small amounts as a tasty tidbit at the end of the meal.

Beau Brummel lived the last 10 years of his life in Caen, and died there in an insane asylum.

Show Keen Interest

People In Scotland Ask Many Questions About Canada

"To what extent is fish being manufactured in Canada?" "How are the Thousand Islands governed?" "If my daughter went to Canada, would she be sure of getting a job?" These questions and hundreds of others like them were put to Sgt. Antio Polybank, C.W.A.C., of Victoria, B.C., by citizens of Edinburgh recently at an exhibition on the Canadian War Effort, which was held in Edinburgh in conjunction with an Allied Nations' War Exhibit. Sgt. Polybank was sent from London as the only C.W.A.C. representative at the exhibition. Although some of the questions put to her by curious Scots left her completely dumfounded, Sgt. Polybank found that the Scottish people displayed a keen interest in Canada, her living conditions, immigration and the work being done by the Canadian army gis.

Would Suit Majority
Practically Everyone Likes To Have Room Of Their Own
Nobody has yet put a home with a room of his own for every citizen on the list of things which we want for the post-war world. Probably there are many people who do not like privacy and quiet, and who would not use such a room if they had it. But we think that a majority would be glad of a place where they could be private and apart, quiet and contemplative. The more intense modern life becomes, the greater becomes the necessity for a room of one's own, not as an ivory tower, but as a place where sanity and balance may be preserved.—Peterborough Examiner.

THIS CURIOUS WORLD
By William Ferguson
The "greatest migration of modern times" will be involved in returning more than 20,000,000 men, women and children to their homes, many of whose sole possessions are "the clothes on their backs."

Nearly 50 places in England bear the name "Sutton" either alone or in combination with others.

Mountain Goat Parents
Push Their Youngsters Over Cliffs, In Order To Teach Them The Art Of Making Safe Landings.
"YOU CAN WALK THE MOUNTAIN PATH AND BROAD-MINDEDNESS SAVES EVERYONE ANSONIA, CONNECTICUT."

DALLAS, TEXAS
ON MAY 8, 1926,
TWO MILLION-DOLLAR
AERIAL BOMBING
WAS HELD.



REG'LAR FELLERS—Just Hard Luck



Grim Picture

People Of Europe Will Be Aided By Relief Measures

The liberated peoples of Europe will produce over 90 per cent of their own food and clothing for the coming winter but United Nations aid is needed to "swing the balance" and prevent famine and pestilence from taking millions of lives, President Roosevelt reported.

Roosevelt painted a grim picture of conditions in war-ravaged Europe in submitting to congress his first quarterly report on the work of the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration as compiled by the Forest Economic Administration.

In an accompanying letter the President said the Germans had been "ruthless" in devastating Europe and emphasized that the liberated peoples, now numbering some 100,000,000, are being aided so they can help themselves "to meet the tremendous task of reconstruction that lies ahead."

"All the world owes a debt to the heroic people who fought the Nazis from the beginning—fought them even after their homelands were occupied against overwhelming odds—and who are continuing to fight once again as free peoples," Roosevelt said.

The FEA report on UNRRA, dated Sept. 30, gave this picture of the situation: "The world-wide staff of 1,700, is about to plunge into the greatest relief task in history. No actual supplies have yet been sent to liberated countries but field workers are either already in or preparing to move into Greece, Yugoslavia, Albania, France, Belgium, Luxembourg, The Netherlands, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Norway, Italy and Ethiopia, as well as the Far East."

Conditions found in the wake of liberating Allied armies were in some cases worse than expected, in others not so bad. People in freed regions are eating only 25 per cent as much as the average American. Food shortages are particularly acute in Poland, The Netherlands and Italy. Millions of Europeans have not been able to buy clothes or shoes since 1940 and almost as many have died from exposure due to lack of clothing as have from starvation.

Soap shortages have made cleanliness "virtually impossible" with a resultant jump of lice-borne diseases such as typhus which has increased almost 700 per cent over pre-war figures.

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Eats Prize



The young owner of the prize-winning billy-goat would like to take the blue ribbon home to show the neighbors, but "Bill" has other ideas. He's of the opinion that those Pinehurst pet show rosettes make good eating.

Building A Home

Woman Says It Is Not Much Harder Than Running One

Besides handling a man-sized job in an aircraft plant and looking after a family of four children, Mrs. Mary Taylor is building a house at Toronto without any assistance.

"I never knew anything about carpentry or masonry or tinsmithing—but I seem to be doing all right," Mrs. Taylor said. "I don't think building a house is an awful lot harder than running one."

So far she has laid the concrete block foundation, built the steps and woodwork and laid the basement floor—all in her spare time.

Oil-Bearing Seed Crops

Prairie Farmers Produced A Larger Crop This Year

Saskatchewan and Manitoba farmers produced by far the greater proportion of oil-bearing sunflower seed and rape seed crop in Canada in 1944, according to figures released by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. Cultivation of such crops became necessary when importation of vegetable oils was cut off due to war exigencies.

Total 1944 output of sunflower seed was 8,800,000 pounds, compared with 5,302,500 in 1943. Saskatchewan and Manitoba were the only two provinces growing sunflowers, Alberta having abandoned the crop after a small production in 1943. Manitoba led in 1944 production, with 5,650,000 pounds of sunflower seeds to its credit, up from 2,775,500 in 1943. Saskatchewan's 1944 production was 3,125,000 pounds up slightly from 1943 output of 2,432,000 pounds. Quebec, Ontario and Alberta produced small quantities of rape seed in 1944, the bulk of it being produced in Saskatchewan and Manitoba. Total 1944 production was 6,000,000 pounds, compared with 2,822,000 in 1943. Manitoba figure was 4,200,000 pounds, up from 1,200,000 in 1943, while Saskatchewan production was 1,800,000 pounds in 1944, 1,028,000 in 1943. Ontario production, at 900,000 pounds in 1944, was down from 574,700 pounds in the previous year.

BRIEF SUMMING UP
The record for the briefest summing-up is held by a famous English judge—Lord Bramwell.

"Do you call the defendant?" asked Bramwell of defending counsel, and when the reply was "I do not," he exclaimed "Pshaw!" and turning to the jury said, "Gentlemen, consider your verdict."

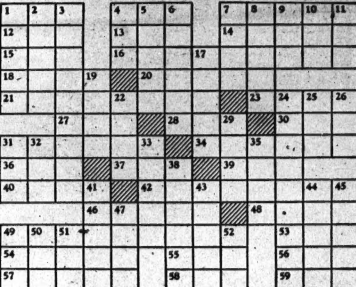
Another summing-up by the same judge consisted of this:

"Gentlemen, I shall leave the case to you in eight words. The prisoner aimed at nothing and missed it."

NEW KIND OF BREAD
One thing to look forward to after the war is bread that won't get stale. It will stay fresh for two weeks—just as fresh as when it came out of the oven. Girls in the British Army are already making this new kind of processed bread. In fact, it was supplied to invasion troops who landed in Normandy.

X-X OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE X-X

No. 4914



HORIZONTAL	39 To hurry	VERTICAL	11 Unit
1 Vehicle	40 Brings forth	1 Large humming-bird	17 Musical drama
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20 To mature	10 Raze		38 Covered with a black sticky substance
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23 Noted Italian family	12 Raze		43 Old English ballad
27 Card game	13 Raze		44 English brown
28 To attempt	14 Raze		46 To sway
30 Equality	15 Raze		47 English
31 Son of Poseidon	16 Raze		49 Edible seed
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BY GENE BYRNES



OUR CHRISTMAS STORY

"FINDERS KEEPERS"

By VIOLET MOSS

McClure Newspaper Syndicate

Ben turned his coat collar up against the biting winter wind and stared moodily into the toy store window. It looked so bright, so cheerful in there, the many-colored playthings strewn in studied disorder where they might tempt the last minute Christmas shopper. In the centre of the display, gleaming brilliantly, stood the red fire engine.

Ben remembered, when they'd passed this store last week, the boy had stopped, his eyes bright, his young voice shrill with excitement. He'd said, "Look, Daddy, Mummy, look! It's engine! It's got a bell, just like a real one. It's—yes, it's new! That had been all, no demanding, no pleading. The boy knew better than to ask for anything so costly. The poverty of this last year, caused by Ben's illness, was about all his youthful memory could hold. The easier days that had been before were forgotten. He knew only disappointment and lack. And that was all wrong.

Ben's eyes were stinging, but not because of the cold. Suddenly he felt so inadequate, so frustrated. This was the most important season of the year for children—it should somehow be made especially festive. But how, without money? He longed to have had eaten their savings so greedily and swiftly that it had soon become necessary for Nan to take part-time work. Oh, they'd never gone hungry, but for months he had been helpless, waiting until the doctors pronounced him, once more, fit to work. Of course that was all in the past. Things would be different after the first of the year when he began his new job. It was a good job, too—assistant foreman at the mill. Sure; but tomorrow would be Christmas, and about that and all it should mean to his son he could do nothing.

Turning almost savagely away from the window, he walked down the street to Gliden's Department Store. He might as well do his pitifully meager holiday shopping. A few handkerchiefs for Nan, a change of socks for the boy. Oh, well, be thankful for regained health and a brighter future.

Once in the store, his face burning in the unaccustomed warmth, he hesitated for a moment before plunging into the swarming crowd around the handkerchief counter. Searching for an opening, his glance fell upon something dark on the floor. A change came! Ben leaned forward, stretched it up and walked quickly, looking neither to right nor left, toward a telephone booth at one side of the store. He entered, slammed the door shut and, breathing hard, fumbled with the purse. Right! Right! Right! an answer to his prayers, he thought dollars in his shaking hand. Enough to take care of this Christmas in the grand manner. That red fire engine, something witty luxurious like perfume for Nan. A fat turkey.

Was great, this was stupendous. Well, what was he waiting for? He should go out right now, to his shopping, hurry home jubily laden with packages. But still he stood motionless, his eyes fast on the purse. It was such a shabby little piece of leather, so worn. It didn't belong to someone wealthy. It looked as if it—oh, what of it? Finders keepers, losers weepers. He stayed in the stuffy booth for fully ten minutes, fighting a battle with himself. When he finally emerged, his footsteps were slow and they were headed for the Lost and Found Department.

At the desk, Ben numbly handed the purse to the clerk, vaguely heard him say, "Oh, thank you, sir! The party who lost this has already inquired. You're making somebody very happy by returning it."

Yeah, that was swell. He was making somebody happy—but not his family, his loved ones. Yet, at the clerk's hearty, "Merry Christmas to you," a surge of gladness swept over him, a feeling almost of triumph.

Absent-mindedly he left the store, walked about aimlessly for an hour, then remembered he hadn't done his buying. Rushing into the nearest shop, he chose from the least expensive gift items.

When he arrived home, awkwardly hiding the packages under his coat, the boy had fallen asleep, and Ben was glad. Somehow he couldn't stand that small pathetic face, those expectant eyes, tonight. He slipped his gifts under a chair, at dinner with Nan quietly and went to bed.

And then it was morning, and someone was tugging at his leg. It was the boy. "Merry Christmas,

"MY HAT'S OFF TO YOUR BREAD"



MADE IN CANADA
"MY HAT'S OFF TO YOUR BREAD"

Brings you compliments on sweet, tasty bread

ALWAYS DEPENDABLE
WRAPPED AIRTIGHT
TO ENSURE POTENCY

Had Saving Habit

Britisher Who Won Money In A Sweepstakes Knew How To Handle It

Thirteen years ago level-headed William Robert Macey, of Faversham, Eng., won \$135,000 in the Irish sweepstakes.

When the telegram came telling him about it he just went down to the nearby pub to buy his first pint in two years. He gave up his \$15 a week job in a timber yard and began drawing \$22.50 a week from the bank. A year later he built a \$4,500 house for himself, his wife, four sons and a daughter.

And that's about all he did with his \$135,000.

Last July he died and now the story of his quiet life has been told in his will.

He left \$153,000. The extra \$18,000 was mainly the interest he hadn't spent.

Mrs. Macey was left \$1,350 in cash and almost all the \$135,000 was left in trust for her.

"But I shan't be moving from here now," she said. "I'm not one for great extravagance either."

Babies Benefit

Health Clinics In Australia Give Them Good Start In Life

Australian babies are given a good start in life through the work of child health clinics which reach even the remote and sparsely settled districts of the interior.

Dr. F. W. Clements of the Commonwealth Health Department and Director of Australia's Health and Medical Research Council, speaking recently to an Ottawa audience, said that these clinics reach 86% of all Australian babies at some time during their first year of life and that three out of four babies attend the clinics regularly.

Dr. Clements described the clinics in Australian towns and cities as similar to the Well Baby Centres, familiar to many Canadian mothers. Rural districts receive regular visits from mobile clinics set up in specially equipped railway cars and motor vans.

SELECTED
RECIPES
CHOCOLATE TOP
Pie paste
2 cups milk
2 tablespoons corn starch
1/4 cup sugar
1/2 teaspoon salt
2 eggs
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 1/2 ounces unsweetened chocolate
1/4 cup sugar
2 tablespoons butter
1/2 cup milk
1/2 teaspoon vanilla
Line a 9-inch pie plate with pie paste, building up the rim well. Prick and bake in a hot oven, 425 degrees F. for 10 minutes. Remove from the oven only long enough to pour in filling.

Filling: Heat milk. Mix the corn starch, sugar and salt and blend into the beaten eggs. Add hot milk gradually, stirring until smooth. Add vanilla. Pour into hot shell and return to the oven. Bake in a moderately slow oven, 225 degrees F. for about 30 minutes or until custard is firm. Melt chocolate in top of double boiler. Add sugar and butter. Add milk slowly, 1 tablespoon at a time, blending smooth after each addition. Remove from heat, cool slightly, add vanilla and spread evenly over the baked filling. Yield: One 9-inch pie.

SEVEN IS MAXIMUM

Seven is the maximum number of eclipses that can occur in one year; five of the sun and two of the moon, or four of the sun and three of the moon.

Incomparable Leader

Churchill Meeting Wartime Needs Of Britain In Inspiring Manner

Prime Minister Winston Churchill of Great Britain has passed the 70-year milestone. As a public man who "plays cricket," Mr. Churchill merited the neat compliment paid him by the 87-year-old Labor member of the British Commons, Mr. Will Thorne: "Seventy not out." For the record of the incomparable wartime leader of the United Kingdom and the greatest single force for victory for the Allied cause is an extremely good score.

Mr. Churchill has color, fortitude, and courage beyond gauging. As a soldier-statesman he is meeting the wartime needs of the British Isles in an inspiring manner. His only counterpart in the Commonwealth is Field Marshal Smuts, Premier of South Africa, while in the broad scope of the United Nations, President Roosevelt and Premier Stalin alone approach Prime Minister Churchill in leadership calibre.

From every nation—great and small—in the Grand Alliance, will rise the prayer that Winston Churchill may be spared, in vigor of health, to complete the Allied march to Victory, however long and rough the mile may prove. A freedom-loving world salutes the one and only Churchill as he enters a new year and a new decade—Stratford Beacon Herald.

EATED A HOLIDAY

The town of Bahadurpur in Patiala, India, recently had its taxes cancelled for a year because a local soldier won the Victoria Cross.

'Teen-Agers Have Own Club

Toronto is another Canadian city which has added a "Teen Agers' club to its assembly of amusement places. The first opened some weeks ago in Winnipeg, Man. Here a group of 'teen agers are making merry on the opening night at Jesse Ketchum hall where the club is located. Her tunes are provided by the club's own six-man band. Here George Malcolm, clarinetist, plays the girls with his five.

Miniature Radios

Used In Holland For Listening To Allied Broadcasts

Dutch patriot workers have developed a pocket-size radio receiving set made to German specifications during the occupation of the Netherlands and used them to listen to Allied broadcasts. The existence of the tiny set was disclosed by a Hollander who approached British tank troops about to go into action some where in Holland. The man, who had been a laboratory worker in a radio factory, asked a correspondent if he would "like to listen to the news." He then held out a pocket watch that immediately began to vibrate with the confident tones of a BBC announcer. It was attached to a three-tube radio set packed into a small German-issued field dressing box with a Red Cross on the lid. The power came either from a battery or a hand-wound dynamo—also pocket-sized. The set was one of many that had been built as experiments—Brandon Sun.

Clamp Down

Germany Will Not Be Able To Experiment On Weapons After The War

Prime Minister Churchill informed the House of Commons that the Allies were making plans to see that Germany could not carry out any secret experiments to develop long-range weapons after the war.

"We have a lot of regular people on the job and so have our American and Allied friends," he told a member who raised the question. Mr. Churchill said he could not disclose American and British casualties in the war against Japan at the present time as this information would help the enemy.

Girl's Jumper



4825
5-14
An adorable jumper, apished with embroidery, teamed up with a simple blouse in Pattern 4825 to give her a nip-and-tuck waist.

Pattern 4825 comes in girls' sizes 6, 8, 10, 12 and 14. Size 10, jumper, 1 1/4 yards 54-in. fabric; blouse 1 1/4 yards 35-in. fabric. Send twenty cents (20c) in coins (stamps cannot be accepted) for this pattern. Write plainly Size, Name, Address and Style Number and send orders to the Anne Adams Pattern Dept., Winnipeg Newspaper Union, 176 McDermott Ave. E., Winnipeg, Man. "Because of the slowness of the mails delivery of our patterns may take a few days longer than usual."

ITEMS KOLUMN

—By F. P. K.

Some original, some copied, but all interesting, useful or provocative!

Safety First—

If you have plans for tomorrow, better be careful today!

Irish—

Baz O'Meara of Montreal "Star" as guest on Hot Stove league hockey, Maple Leaf Gardens, Toronto, said on Radio, "Another long forgotten, but well remembered Montreal team is the Maroons." Yes—Baz is Irish, or is he?

Cheating Gums—

American soldiers overseas are consuming an average of 650 sticks of gum per man per year against 77 when in civilian life.

The Canadian Wrigley Gum Co. are ready to ship all the gum it produces, if necessary, on their Overseas Plan of 20 packages boxed for \$1.00 prepaid, to anyone in the armed forces. See your retailer for proper forms and do it now.

26 Babies—

On November 17th, these two headlines appeared alongside each other in the Toronto Telegram, "Greatest single air assault opened winter offensive," "Modern army transport safety transports 26 babies from Quebec City to Chicoutimi." Fairly raining babies—what next in Quebec.

Think—

Are WE really worth dying for? Answer that to yourself and act accordingly.

Cigarettes—

From November 1 to 10 this year, Macdonald made 73,560,872 cigarettes. Over 58% were shipped to the war fronts by the Company—not counting those bought by the Home front and mailed over.

By the way—did you know the Overseas Tobacco League, 93 King Street E., Toronto, have sent over 200 million cigarettes to the boys, bought with voluntary subscriptions? If you send them

\$10.00 they'll send 4000
5.00 " " 2000
1.00 " " 400

These are not sent to individuals but to distributing centres, so all in service get a fair share. In each package of 25 will go a return card with your name and address on it and later on you'll get these back with notes from those who received the cigs. Quite a thrill, too!

Your Letters—

Please check the address from the BOTTOM up—not down. Place all your instructions UNDER name of the city—Air Mail—Special Delivery or whatever.

Good Work

Wholesale Sock-Darning Is Done By British W.V.S.

"Wonderful work has been done throughout the United Kingdom by the British W.V.S.," says Mrs. W. E. West, director of Canada's Women's Voluntary Services, National War Services Council, Ottawa.

"Even the humble art of mending takes on a new importance when 38,500 socks a week are darned for service men by W.V.S. members. Over many doorways in Britain are signs that read 'Soldiers' Repair Shop' or 'Repairs while you Wait'. Shirt collars are turned, buttons replaced. Sports equipment such as football gear are repaired, towels are patched and service stripes sewn on sleeves. "In some towns there are even classes for service men to teach them how to do these jobs for themselves. According to reports received they have been most successful and popular. And they serve a useful purpose in making the service man conscious of the difficulty of mending great gaping holes in socks when such holes could have been prevented by a stitch in time," concluded Mrs. West.

For Her Cats

Why Old Lady In London Bombed Out Area Wanted Milk

The British Women's Voluntary Services which reports regularly for relief duty when flying bombs fall in the London area, served 796,000 meals to the bombed-out during the first crucial ten weeks.

These workers have seen many tragedies—and also the humorous side. One old lady after her apartment block had been blasted, came and asked the W.V.S. for a drop of milk. "I've always fed the cats around this part," she said, "and they might think something wrong if I stopped now."

The first crossing of the English channel by air was made in 1900.

Horses—

The first horse ambulance in Canada is now operating in Montreal.

If there are any horses able to read they'll appreciate this new development. One man can take the horse who has been hurt and is lying on the road—put him on a stretcher into the ambulance car by the use of a winch driven by the auto's motor. As many as five or six horses a day are removed in Montreal and taken to the owner's stables for the Vet. Many lives will be saved, especially in winter when a downed animal can easily get pneumonia from the chill of ice or wind.

Buy and Buy—

The real business life of Canada is determined by the people walking into stores and buying goods.

A Thought To Remember—

Flowers leave part of their fragrance in the hand that bestows them.

—Chinese Proverb.

The Guide Post—

Small kindnesses, small courtesies, small considerations habitually practised in our social intercourse, give a greater charm to the character than the display of great talents and accomplishments.

Where Cabbage Is King—

There cigar-lover Don't you moan Buy a cabbage And roll your own!

"I'm Nine, She Said."

No bigger than a minute is this little girl who brings a Globe and Mail to each morning—through rain, cold and dark days—always on time.

She says "Good morning," with an uptilt in her voice that makes me feel, so good that I come down at half-past six to say "Good Morning" right back to her—and my day is started off right. But I'm inside, in a warm apartment, wearing a comfortable dressing gown—knitted alpiss—with a cup of hot cocoa already down when she appears out of the dark cold wet morning, with her papers and a smile.

This morning I simply had to ask her age. "I'm nine, sir," she said. Her brother has the room, really, but he's in "war work" and she's carrying on for him.

All honour to the youngsters who set such a wonderful example—and especially to my nine year old "honey"!

Here's Speedy Relief For Tender, Aching, Burning Feet

Your feet may be so swollen and inflamed that you can't go another step. Your shoes may feel as if they are burning you. You feel sick all over with the pain and torture; you'd give anything to get relief.

Two or three applications of Moone's Eucalypti and a few minutes later, if you have not felt Eucalypti Oil then you have something to learn. Get a bottle today—at all drugstores.

A Necessary Food

Potatoes Good Source Of Iron And Contain Vitamin C

Avoiding potatoes for fear of getting fat? That, here's news from the nutrition division, Ottawa. One medium sized potato contains fewer calories than a chocolate bar, a serving of apple pie or a serving of cake. So, next time, think before choosing between dessert and potatoes.

The importance of potatoes in the diet was recognized in Europe in the 17th century when it was discovered that scurvy followed in the wake of potato famine. Many years later it was discovered that scurvy resulted from lack of vitamin C which potatoes supplied.

Potatoes are a good source of iron necessary for good health. Without potatoes every day, it is quite possible that there would be a deficiency of vitamin C in Canadian diets, even with a daily serving of citrus fruit or tomatoes.

The preparation of potatoes is important. Boiling or baking in their jackets is advisable. Baking is the best method of all.

The average Canadian eats about the pounds of potatoes every year, to about 75 pounds of other vegetables in the same period.

Approximately one-fourth of man's life is spent developing and training his mind.

Mince Pies Prohibited

in Days of the Puritans

THE mince pie has had many enemies. The Puritans would have none of it, and even in the eighteenth century it was a forbidden delicacy to a large number of clergymen. During the Commonwealth the holding of Christmas festivals was prohibited. In 1644 parliament passed an act ordering all citizens to observe Christmas day as a solemn fast, to be spent in silent devotion for previous festivities that had passed in riotous living and merry making. This order remained in force for 12 years.

The authorities in several towns tried to reduce Christmas day to the level of other days. In Canterbury, by order of the mayor, it was proclaimed that "Christmas day and all other superstitious festivals should be put down."

People who attended service in the cathedral were molested. The inhabitants formed themselves into two parties, and feeling in the matter frequently resulted in the exchange of blows.

In 1652 it was proclaimed that "no observation shall be had of the five and twentieth day of December, commonly called Christmas day, nor any solemnity used or exercised in churches."

This order was enforced by soldiers. Ovens and larders were searched, and where reasonable quantities of decorations were found they were carried off and destroyed. A charged attitude towards the Puritan dislike of Christmas festivities came with the restoration of King Charles.

Ghostly Christmas Bells

to Greet Merry Yuletide

AMONGST the bells which will ring out to greet the coming Yuletide will be many ghostly peals, heard on no other night in the year; for tradition says that the bells of all buried churches join the chorus, every Christmas eve.

There are the bells of Bateigh, once a prosperous village in Nottinghamshire, now only a country valley. All sign of habitation was swallowed up many years ago by an earthquake. It is said that every Christmas eve the bells of the old church are heard to ring again. A legend of this kind is told of a country church near Preston, the very name of which nobody knows.

In Holland the story of the city of Beem is told every Christmas. This wonderful place was famous for its magnificence and beauty, and also for its wickedness and sinfulness. One day the whole city was swallowed up by the sea.

The submerged bells of Dunwich, now covered by the sea, are said to join the ghostly chorus.

First Christmas Trees

Originated in Germany

ON THE wild, sandy heathland of the North German plain the dark-leaved fir trees have flourished for many centuries. It is not strange, therefore, that the "Christmas Tree" should have its origin there. It dates back prior to the days of Christianity. The early Egyptians used to employ decorated trees in their festive season celebrations. It is a fact well known by all boatmen that the palm tree puts forth a shoot each month, and at the time of the winter solstice, a spray of palm, bearing twelve shoots, was employed in the temple of Osiris to mark the completion of the year. Curiously enough, England did not adopt Christmas trees until the middle of the last century. The prince consort, shortly after his marriage to Queen Victoria, introduced them into Great Britain.

LIKE COLORFUL TREE

IF THERE are young children in the house, you should have a real Christmas tree, or nothing else can take its place. Older people may like stunning effects that appeal to the imagination, or symbols in a fairy manner that will do this, but children want it loaded to overflowing with baubles of colored glass, lopped around with tinsel strands that gleam and glitter.

Recipe for Merry Christmas
Are you seeking a formula which will insure you a Merry Christmas? It's really too easy: Just have a child or two around the place and human nature will do the rest.—*Collier's Weekly*.

The Christmas Mince Pie
The inevitability of hot mince pie on the Christmas board explains why it is well for the national digestive that there is only one Christmas dinner a year.

One Sad Thing About Christmas
The saddest thing about Christmas is that the good fellowship day in which too often withers with the Yule tree and is tossed out of doors.



R. A. (BOB) BRYDEN

who started his CBC career as junior news editor in Toronto two years ago last September, has been transferred to Montreal to take over the position of senior English news editor. He replaces Edward Dix, who will be connected with the news broadcasts of CBC's new international service in Montreal.

To wind up the festive season, the Blairmore Elks will hold their 21st annual dance-frolic in the Columbus hall on New Year's night.

Local and General Items

Twenty years ago, this corner of the province experienced the severest cold spell for many years.

Corporal William J. Duncan and Pte. Frank Hoek returned to Bellevue from overseas on Tuesday.

The local Columbus Club will hold their annual Christmas dance in the Columbus hall on Christmas night.

Hon. Solon Low, national leader of the Social Credit party, has been nominated federal candidate for Peace River.

A football player was asked what he did with his expense money. He replied: "Part went for liquor, part for women, and the rest I spent foolishly."

Robert Smeaton White, dean of newspaper men in Canada and for many years editor of the Montreal Gazette, died last week at the ripe age of 88. He was a member of the Sir John A. Macdonald government and a life-long Conservative.

Let's give our government all our best thinking—not just a piece of our mind.

Coleman Elks will hold a Yuletide midnight frolic in the Community hall on Sunday night, starting at 12:01 1/2 o'clock.

Sergt. Gladstone Clifford Morris, son of Adam Morris, of Coleman, died of injuries overseas. Mr. Morris suffered an heart attack following the news a few weeks ago, passing away.

We came upon a Latin proverb the other day whose significance not a few will appreciate: "Judeus damatur cum nocens absolvitur"—The acquittal of the guilty is the condemnation of the judge.

Dances during the festive week will include the annual Christmas dance in the Lundbeck community hall on the night of Wednesday, December 27th, and the Bellevue Juvenile Hockey Club dance in the 100F hall at Bellevue on Friday, December 29th.

"AS LITTLE CHILDREN"

The survival power of Christmas, its persistence as a world-wide festival, lies in the fact that it quickens in all of us the sense of human kinship. It gets beneath the surface cynicism and releases those finer impulses which we all possess. For a day we become again "as little children" and the child in our midst is the symbol of the joy which we seek.

A Merry Christmas then—merry because it brings to us vision of love ruling in the hearts of men, and renewed hope that the dream of a day may yet become the perpetual reality.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Romans exchanged gifts during gay celebrations. But giving of presents, of course, goes back much earlier. The Romans, however, gave it clearer identity as a part of their festival programme.

Christmas boxes and cards of today have a link to the ancient Roman festivities. In France, gifts are distributed to children New Year's Eve instead of Christmas.

In England, Germany, Italy and most everywhere else, the custom is like in the United States and Canada. Santa comes a-visiting at Christmas.

About Old Santa Claus

Children's Patron Saint

THE dictionary merely tells you that Santa Claus is a contraction of Saint Nicholas (see Nicholas, Saint). A stirring of the pages reveals that Nicholas was bishop of Myra or Smyrna in Asia Minor about 300 A.D. He was the patron saint of old Russia and was believed to offer special protection and comfort to "sea-faring men, thieves, virgins and children." His affection for children was based on the assertion that he brought back to life three schoolboys who had been murdered. An encyclopaedia attributes the name by which he is known in America to the early Dutch settlers who called him San Nicolaas.

But if little matters whether he be known as Saint Nicholas, Santa Claus, Kris Kringle, or a dozen other names, for the presence of his spirit on this climax holiday of the year is the important thing. It enters every home in the four corners of the globe and touches the hearts of all the men and women in it. Moreover, it is essentially the spirit of childhood, the freshness and the eagerness of young lives. Saint Nicholas may seem odd, but he has none of the fears, regrets or prejudices of age. He has and his children stand on the threshold of the world. Their banner is good will and their goal is peace.

So this day, dedicated to the memory of the birth of a child, belongs to all children. It is their carol, their laughter, their happiness which makes it sweet. And we older folk should on this day at least share their kindness, their tolerance, their purity and their like Saint Nicholas.—*The Boston Herald*.

Printed Christmas Card

Was Issued Back in '43

THESE are more humbly about the Victoria and Albert museum than its stiff brick exterior suggests.

The director has sent me a Christmas Picture Book, says a writer in the London Star. It reveals the fact that the first Christmas card ever printed was issued only as recently as 1843.

The card, which was printed for Sir Henry Cole, first director of the South Kensington museum, is reproduced, along with many other efforts by artists, to celebrate the holiday. They range from a walrus ivory relief from Cologne to a modern woodcut by Eric Gill. It is strange to see how the artistic wheel has turned full circle back to the medieval austerity.

But I can't help liking the first Christmas card, which "features," as the time says, a hearty meal. As the fat boy would say, "I like eating best."

"Christmas Man," Name

Given to Kris Kringle

SANTA CLAUS does not visit the children of Lithuania on Christmas eve as he does the children in this country, but there are all kinds of Christmas celebrations in which they have a part, and many good things to eat. In Germany and Norway old Kris Kringle hides gifts for the children in many out of the way places, and Christmas day is spent chiefly in hunting for them. In Holland Saint Nicholas dispensed Christmas cheer, but when the Hollanders came to this country his name was changed to Santa Claus. In Sweden Santa Claus is much like he is in America, but he does not come down the chimney, but in the night he comes into the room where the Christmas tree is and leaves gifts for all. His name is not Santa Claus, however, for he is called "The Christmas Man."

THE REAL SANTA CLAUS

THIS Christmas spirit is the real Santa Claus—a spirit that is universal—that grows stronger with the years—that brings out the best in us—a spirit that is made up of kindly thought and deeds, of balanced memories and of "Good Will" to all.

Shepherds and Wise Men

It is not clear from the Scriptural allusions that the shepherds who visited the new-born Jesus were the same as the wise men who saw his star in the East. Only Matthew records the story of the magi, and only Luke mentions the shepherds. Mark and John do not refer to either the shepherds or the wise men.

Keeps Candles From Dripping

To keep table candles from dripping, stick a pin in the candle alongside the wick and loop it there. It keeps the wick upright, the candle burns longer and more steadily and decorations and tablecloth are kept free from grease.

Like Cash Christmas Presents
Happy is the woman who received a cash Christmas present, because she will have a lot of fun at the January sale counters.

"I must warn the House and Country against any indulgence in the feeling that the war will soon be over."

WINSTON CHURCHILL
in the British House of Commons
November 28th, 1944

DON'T CONFUSE THE SIGNALS

War came. The manufacture of most civilian goods had to be cut down or stopped to make way for war production. That caused shortages of civilian goods—that was the **RED LIGHT**

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TODAY
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YELLOW

Some restrictions are now being lifted, but it does not mean lots of goods right away. War's demands are still huge and must come first. We can't neglect them just so that some of us here at home can get a little more.

Don't confuse the signals—(This is the **YELLOW LIGHT ONLY**).

It means a little more of some things and it helps business men get ready for the time when there will be more materials and workers available.

It does not mean the end of shortages!

Getting back to peacetime production will necessarily be piecemeal and gradual.

"Patience" is the word.

194?
RED
YELLOW
GREEN

it's **NOT** the green light yet

Only after Victory over both enemies can the Green Light be switched on, and the road cleared for enough production to meet all our civilian needs.

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.. Faith ..

On weekdays through the year the door of many a city church stands open, and on those days notably now, as Christmas nears — people come in from the noisy street, the busy avenue, to sit a while in medi-

tation, to kneel a moment in prayer. Burdened, anxious, saddened, devout, they are a crowd of witnesses, silently testifying: "Though all be ill with the world, God is in His heaven: In Him is our trust." The shocks and strains and changes of a troubled time cannot shake that faith.

What is faith? The seers of old answer, and the sages of our day. It is that by which the just have lived; that which made the leper whole; that which makes any care or sorrow pos-

sible to bear. It is the light by which men may walk when the way is too dark for sight. It is the mind at its bravest. It is the chain that binds us to the Infinite, lifting us above fear. It is a bridge across the gulf of death.

Faith differs among men. One man's conception of God may scarcely resemble another's. But who would quarrel over that, so long as the faith of both means that goodness is the eternal law of God's universe and

will forever overcome evil? And with such faith shining on life comes faith in our fellowmen and in ourselves. There must surely be a blessing for those who have faith. Look for its sign in the clear eyes and the calm faces of people as they come out from the sanctuary into the throbbing world again, strengthened for whatever responsibilities, whatever trials may await them.

Christmas Legends

Some of the great philosophic truths of the ages are set forth in legends. The Christmas season recalls several that every child would delight in hearing.

The story of the Magi, a mystic part of the narrative of the Christ-Child, is one of the loveliest of all true tales. Do the children know that the Magi, a sect of priests among the Medes and Persians, celebrated for their learning as astrologers, and for their very deep wisdom? The three Magi travelled great distances to lay their treasures at the feet of the young Prince of Peace. Melchior, who was the King of Arabia, was the eldest, being 60 years of age. He brought a gold casket in the form of a shrine. Balthasar, King of Ethiopia, was a black-skinned man of 40 years. His gift was frankincense, which he presented in a censer or thurible-shaped jar. The youngest Magi was Gaspar, King of Tarsus, who was only 30 years of age, and who brought myrrh in a gold-mounted horn. These gifts were meant to symbolize what they knew Jesus was to become. The gold was for a king; the frankincense for a high priest; and the myrrh for the great physician.

The Magi, it is said, received gifts in return for those which they brought. For his gold, Melchior was given charity and spiritual wealth. For frankincense, Balthasar received perfect faith. And for myrrh, Gaspar was given perfect truth and meekness. Mary gave them also a linen band in which the Christ-Child had been wrapped. We are told also that the Magi were given a small box which held a stone. The stone was symbolic of the rock-like faith which should attend them. Thinking the stone was of little value, they cast it into a well. They were amazed and awed to see fire from heaven descend into the well. Whereupon they carried the fire back to their countries, and placed it inside of a magnificent church where it was tended constantly and worshipped by the people.

The Three Wise Men are now sometimes called "The Three Kings of Cologne," for their bodies rest in Cologne Cathedral where they were placed during the reign of the Emperor Barbarossa. After having spent many years in preaching the Christ, they were martyred in India for their faith. Three hundred years later, their bodies were moved to Constantinople by Empress Helena. Another of Constantine the Great. Following the first Crusade, the bodies were moved to Milan, and finally to Cologne.

There is a story, too, which relates that the Magi, on their way to Bethlehem, came upon a young girl shepherding her sheep. When she learned who the strangers were, and saw the beautiful gifts which they carried, she burst into tears. An angel spoke to her, and asked, "Maiden, why do you weep?" The girl replied, "Because I have not even so much as a flower to give to the Holy Babe." The angel waved a hand of lilies, and immediately the pathway was beautiful with white Christmas roses. Led by the lowed behind the Wise Men, and laid her gift of flowers at the Christ-Child's feet.

To some, the legend of the Glastonbury Thorn is new. Before his crucifixion, Christ was resting in a wood. The magpies, while he rested, shielded him from danger by covering him over with Hawthorn fruits. As soon as the Roman soldier passed, the swallows came and carried away the fruits. Out of a wish to do honor to the noble Hawthorn, the Joseph of Arimathea chose a thorn staff when he started on his journey.

IS THERE A SANTA CLAUS?

This editorial, which has justly become timeless, was written in the New York Sun in 1897 by Francis Pharcellus Church in answer to a letter from a little eight-year-old girl named Virginia O'Hanlon who had been told by some of her friends that there was no Santa Claus.

Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds.

All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless worlds about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childish faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence.

We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished. Not believe in Santa Claus!

You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove?

Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see.

Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men, nor even the united strength of only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the unspoken beauty and glory beyond.

In it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding. No Santa Claus!

Thank God he lives, and he lives forever.

At ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.



There are several interesting plant legends. Two of them concern the mystery of the Goinge Forest in Sweden. On the eve of the birth of the Christ-Child the forest burst into beautiful bloom. Winter was gone, and, for a few hours, flower, fruit, tree, and bird were joyously awake.

At the same time, mysterious bells filled the air with the "Gloria in Excelsis." Abbot Hans walked in the forest, accompanied by a doubting monk who declared this wonder must be the work of Satan. Because of his doubt, the Magic Forest vanished. And, to this day, the only blossoming thing to be seen there at the Christmas-tide is the Christmas rose which still blooms to commemorate the Magic Garden.

The other Swedish legend is about

a group of poor peasants who were driven farther and farther into the forest. Christmas came, and they were sad because they could do nothing for their children's happiness. When night fell, the forest became softly suffused with a pale glow. The next morning, the children's hearts were made glad by a beautiful carpet of roses which covered the forest's floor.

Christmas tree legends are numerous. The Balsam is known as the Viking tree, because, when Ansgarius was preaching the White Christ to the Vikings, he chose this tree as a symbol. He sought a tree that would be as high as hope, as wide as love, and one which bore the cross on every bough. And he found the Balsam.

The Best Of Christmas

As children they used to sing "Deck the Hall with Boughs of Holly"; or they helped to trim the Christmas tree; or they polished the reddest apples to hang on the branches; or they used to light candles in the windows on Christmas Eve. Stockings were hung, letters written to Santa Claus, mistletoe hung from the chandelier. Whatever the traditions, as the grown-up tells of childhood's Christmas, things were done by the family together, or by each child to help the preparations, as they were done every year.

This is not the finding of a scientific study, but one emerging from an informal inquiry made and offered as a suggestion that the traditional things are the best things about the children's Christmas, and those best remembered.

Traditions varied. Routines differed. The remembered holiday high for might be the annual reading of "A Christmas Carol," or a holiday matinee, or a Christmas party, or the washing and ironing of dolls' clothes, decking dolls in new hair ribbons, and setting them out in a row "to see Santa Claus." One little girl grown older, whose family background was Swedish, best remembered the ceremony of "Feeding the Birds," and the selection of a sheaf of ripened wheat to hang out of doors. In some families trees were decorated by the grown-ups, and one memory lingers on the special flourish with which father always unlocked the door, revealing the festive tree gay with ornaments, winking lights and loaded with gifts.

In other families the children helped to trim the tree, and the older ones lighted it while all but one supervising grown-up waited outside. It was a big moment when one was considered old enough to touch a taper to the little colored candles, wired to the branches. "Of course, it wasn't safe," one grown-up remarks, "but nothing ever happened, it was prettier than electric lights."

Stockings were, variously, explored by tiptoeing small fry as soon as day dawned; or opened after breakfast by the whole family—the maids included. One family had a creche, and the choice of a new animal every year was the children's Christmas privilege. Whatever the special event, it was always managed in the same way, and it was always a ceremony. And the traditions have carried over to this generation.

But if parents themselves didn't have any special Christmas tradition? Then, one young mother suggests, "Why don't they make up their own?" If they don't want to read "A Christmas Carol," they can choose their own Christmas story.

"Bill and I sort of put together things each of us did in our own families," she said, "then we made up our own tradition." This was a puppet show, made by themselves for the baby's first Christmas. Now that Bill Jr. is five and Peter is three, the puppet show has become an established treat.

And this year? Fathers are in the services, some of them half the world away, but the stockings will be hung, and carols sung by the children as usual. One is sure of this as Bill and Peter's mother talks about Christmas. Dad has been away as missing since he last helped in the performance, but, of course, Bill will be there, and Peter will be a puppet show. This is not the first generation in which mothers have picked up the family traditions and carried them on.

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